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### England expects, Nelson delivers

Simon Hoggart on Mandela's speech

**WE WERE** in Westminster Hall, waiting for Nelson Mandela. Half an hour before he appeared Lady Thatcher swept down the aisle to cries of "No!" "What a brass neck!" and "How dare she?"

No, she didn't. Of course not. People are far too polite on these occasions. She took her place along with all the other people who'd written him off as a terrorist right up to the moment that his poll ratings improved.

Lord Cranborne, Leader of the Lords, arrived with a large part of his family. Clearly the Mandela visit had become a part of the Season, like Henry, Viscount Cranborne is a Salisbury, a scion of the family which once ruled more of Africa than President Mandela does now.

Cherie Blair talked excitedly to Hezza, perhaps gleaming clues about what it's like to be deputy prime minister. The Band of the Grenadier Guards struck up *Men of Harlech*. This song steadied the line at Rorke's Drift in 1879 when the South Wales Borderers, like Mr Mandela, found themselves under attack from the Zulus.

The session was in Westminster Hall, unlike the recent addresses by Presidents Clinton and Chirac, which took place in the Royal Gallery of the Lords. It was fitting: the Royal Gallery is a false, Victorian idea of monarchical splendour. Westminster Hall (900 years old next year) is the real thing.

Mr and Mrs Major appeared at the top of the stairs, then scampered down the stairs to make way for the Speaker and the Lord Chancellor. It is one of the more pleasing facts of these occasions that the Prime Minister is a mere functionary, it is the Speaker who symbolises the democratic will of the people.

Mr Mandela had to be helped down the steps, grasping Betty Boothroyd's hand so tightly that you could see their knuckles stretched against the skin.

But he managed to stand, motionless, listening to Lord Mackay's encomium, his face absolutely quiet, showing no flicker of pride or concern, even amusement. It was the face of a man who has spent decades counting the hours, the minutes and the seconds in prison, a man in whom all impudence has long ago been stilled.

Douglas Hurd, when he met him for the first time, called him "Irenic"; it means peaceful, placid, wishing to promote conciliation. Hurd's description was a small tribute from the man who built the Empire, who went to Eton, and who still saw their world in terms of Greek mythology and language.

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President Mandela grips Commons Speaker Betty Boothroyd's hand as the pair descend into Westminster Hall

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Then Mandela's speech — cunningly, sinuously crafted. It was almost impossible to hear. Westminster Hall's acoustics are appalling. His accent is difficult. Helicopters flew overhead. To understand it fully, we had to read it later. It wove together a message of peace, but with his rage at what had been allowed to happen, from the ANC delegation which had arrived here 80 years ago to plead for seek justice and had been turned away.

"Despite that rebuff and the terrible cost we had to bear as a consequence, we return to this honourable place neither with pikes, nor a desire for revenge, nor, even, a plea to assuage our hunger."

Then tributes to the British people: the millions who had said "no" to apartheid — Wilberforce, Fenner Brockway, even Harold Macmillan.

Mrs Boothroyd described her own vigils outside South Africa House, hoping, she

## Ulster braced for backlash

### Orange 'victory' angers Catholics

David Sharrock and Owen Rowcott

**N**ORTHERN Ireland is braced for a further wave of violence today with police determined to force another Orange parade through a nationalist flashpoint in Belfast.

With political talks falling apart under the pressure of this week's violence, Belfast was close to boiling point last night following bloody scenes on Fortadown's Garvaghy Road, where Orangemen were finally allowed to complete their journey home from a church service five days ago.

Riot police fired plastic bullets at protesters and bated others staging a sit-down in the path of the parade. About 1,300 Orangemen marched to the beat of a drum, ignoring the petrol bombs, rocks and abuse of residents.

Brendan Mac Giomhath, leader of the Garvaghy Residents' Association, accused the RUC of being the military wing of the Orange Order.

The Irish government said it was "gravely concerned" and that the abrupt U-turn by the RUC ran counter to agreed approaches between the governments to accord parity of esteem to Catholic and Protestant communities.

But John Major's ministers



insisted the decision had been a purely operational matter for the RUC. The Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, said there had been no political pressure on the RUC chief constable, Sir Hugh Ammesley.

As the Orangemen arrived in the loyalist lower section of the Garvaghy Road, they were met by a cheering crowd and joined by the Ulster Unionist leader and MP for the area, David Trimble.

He refused to comment to the press and stopped Orangemen hoisting him upon their shoulders in an effort to avoid charges of "triumphalism" which were levelled at him at last year's parade.

But he was overheard telling supporters that "no compromise whatsoever" had been reached with nationalists because negotiations had broken down and the police had decided to force the parade through regardless.

Sir Hugh justified the reversal of his decision last Saturday to prevent the parade by effectively admitting that loyalist violence and the sheer weight of numbers they could command had paid off and the real danger of loss of life had become too high.

"We had reached the stage this evening and tomorrow when potentially tens of thousands of Orangemen stood to face thousands of policemen and soldiers. The risk to life in those circumstances, accidental or otherwise, was too great to face," he said.

"I want the Government to look into the issue of how parades and demonstrations are to run in Northern Ireland and how they can be reconciled between the two sides, because... I am sick to death of being stuck in the middle of a non-winable situation."

Sir Patrick later gave him that assurance. "There needs to be guidance and therefore we will be looking very sympathetically and urgently at some means by which an independent and external eye can be cast upon this with a view to making recommendations."

Within hours of the Garvaghy skirmishes and with violence erupting in nationalist areas of Belfast, Armagh and Londonderry, more than 60 RUC armoured Land turn to page 3, column 1

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### Girl 'may be too badly hurt to identify double killer'

Nick Varley

**T**HE schoolgirl who witnessed the murder of her mother and young sister may be unable to help find their killer because of the severity of her injuries, police said yesterday.

Josephine Russell, aged nine, suffered massive head injuries in the attack as she walked home from school along a country lane with her mother Lin, aged 45, and sister Megan, aged six. Last night she remained in a critical condition in hospital. The bludgeoned bodies of her mother and sister were found on Wednesday in a wooded area near Chillsden, Kent.

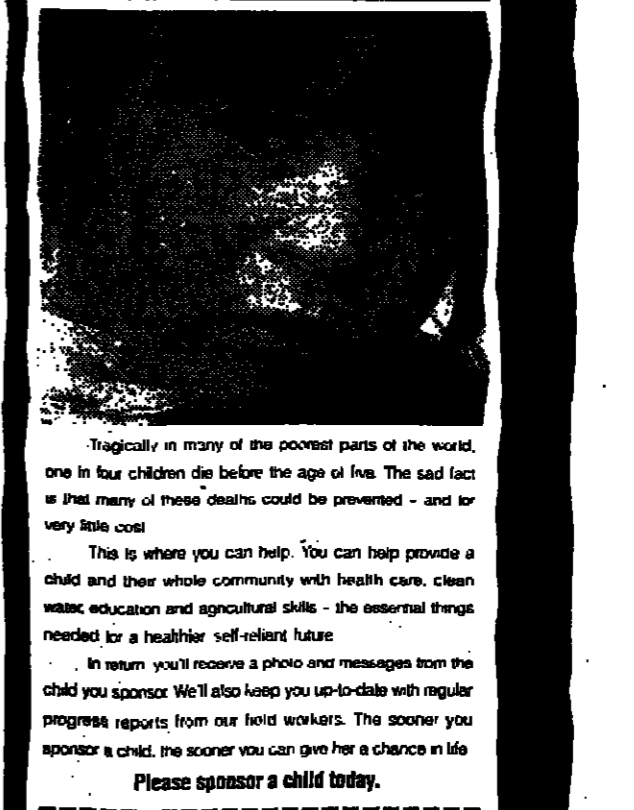
"Realistically, it may be unlikely that she is able to remember much, particularly suffering from such massive injuries. We have got to rely on other evidence," said Detective Chief Inspector David Stevens.

Women living in the area were advised not to let children out of sight or walk along quiet country lanes until the murderer is caught.

Mr Stevens said: "A person who has done this must have a propensity to do it again."

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## Stick to tradition, Charles tells teachers

Donald MacLeod Education Correspondent

**P**RINCE Charles, who loathes trendy teachers almost as much as trendy architects, yesterday warned the nation to stick to traditional teaching methods.

"Experience does seem to show, not to my surprise, that it is the traditional methods that help our children learn more effectively," he told the Aim High award ceremony in London for firms working with schools to help raise children's achievement. There was "dishearteningly widespread evidence" of under-performance in schools, particularly in the primary sector, said the prince. He linked underachievement at school with the spread of moral relativism condemned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt Rev George Carey.

Although the prince reportedly hated many aspects of his own traditional schooling at Gordonstoun, he said traditional teaching was one of the "vital foundation stones" of the education system. He called for a continuing drive to challenge "mediocrity and inadequacy" among teachers, while supporting the best.

Underachievement at school, the prince said, led to "a superficiality of existence rooted in the material and the transient, to a moral and cultural relativism in which quality and virtue lose their meaning, and to exclusion from the literature, culture, history and ideas which identify us as a nation and define us as human beings".

His concerns about schools have surfaced in outbursts before. The people in his office could not speak or write English properly, he famously complained. "All the letters sent from my office I have to correct myself - and

that is because English is taught so bloody badly." Poor economic circumstances should not be an excuse for failure. "As I myself see, visiting schools in some of the poorest and most deprived parts of cities, poverty is not a bar to excellence and achievement," he said yesterday. And the excellence of some teachers also needed to be recognised. "We have many outstanding and committed teachers, some of whom work under conditions of great stress in deprived communities," he added. "They need our support."

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1956-1957: Hill House  
1957-1962: Cheam School  
1962: Gordonstoun  
1964: 5 O levels, English literature, Latin, French and History.  
1965: Maths O level.  
1967: 2 A levels, History (B) and French (C).  
1970: BA (Hons) History, Cambridge, Trinity College.

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Crisis of succession strikes 250-year-old banking business plagued by deep rifts and rivalries among clan elders

# Rothschild suicide shakes dynasty

News of hanging in Paris hotel replaces claims of death by heart attack after leak to Paris paper

Patrick Donovan and Paul Webster in Paris

**T**HE wife of 41-year-old multi-millionaire banker Amschel Rothschild, who was found hanging in a Paris hotel room, yesterday appealed for privacy for herself and the couple's three young children after the "shocking and devastating" news.

Anita Rothschild, 36, issued the statement after her husband's bank confirmed that Mr Rothschild had committed suicide in his room at the luxury 2500-a-night hotel.

She said her husband's death had been totally unexpected and asked for the public to respect her family's "grief and deep sadness".

The announcement that Mr Rothschild had taken his own life came a day after French authorities had said his death was due to a heart attack.

Earlier yesterday, in response to a short news item in a Paris newspaper, French police disclosed that Mr Rothschild had been found hanging.

The circumstances in which Mr Rothschild died are thought unlikely to have been made public if they had not been apparently leaked.

His body was found by a hotel cleaner on Monday. Mrs Rothschild, who divides her time between the family's homes in Kensington, London, and a farm in Suffolk, flew to Paris after being contacted by directors of Rothschild bank.

The Foreign Office last night was unable to say if the British authorities were likely to be involved in any investigation into the death.

Staff at the Hotel Bristol, which is near the Elysée palace were yesterday ordered not to make any public comment.

The news has caused huge shock in the City, as Mr Rothschild had been widely regarded as the heir-apparent to the world's legendary banking dynasty. His death is



expected to trigger a succession crisis at N M Rothschild, the British arm of the family's global banking operations.

Rothschild yesterday said the company had not yet addressed the problem of a successor.

Sources say that Mr Rothschild, who is known to have felt under heavy pressure in his role of chief executive of the bank's asset management operations, was on a business trip to the Paris-based Rothschild operations. His job involved managing investments worth £12 billion and the business was suffering from competition from larger international rivals.

Mr Rothschild was thought to feel increasingly anxious about the expectation that he would eventually succeed Sir Evelyn Rothschild, the 65-year-old chairman of the London bank.

Mr Rothschild was described by friends as a shy and retiring man, who was far more at home on his farm in Suffolk or indulging his passion for motorsport. He married his wife, a member of the Guinness brewing family, in 1981.

It is known that his father, the late Victor Rothschild put considerable pressure on him to give up farming and join the family bank in 1988.

Rothschild directors are expected to discuss the succession problem at a full board meeting. The bank has been suffering a morale problem with six senior executives recently quitting to take up jobs at rival banks.

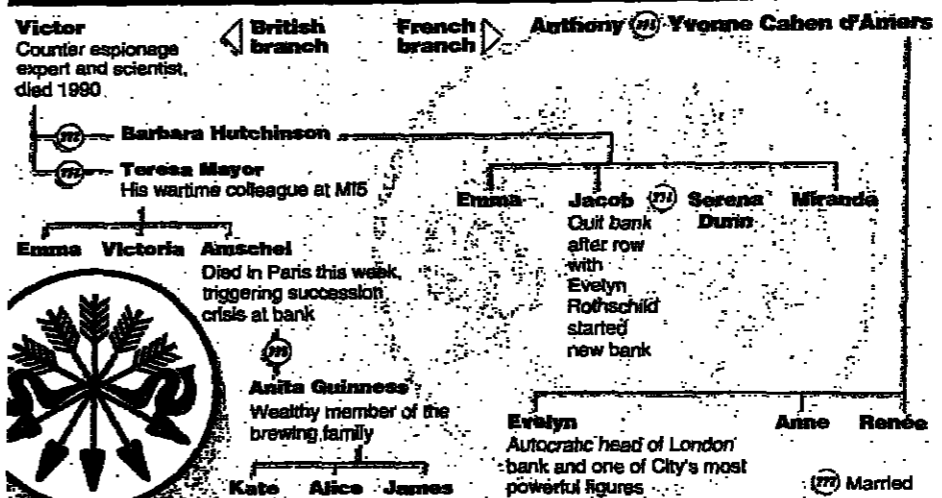
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Amschel Rothschild, who preferred the life of a gentleman farmer in Suffolk to banking, and the Hotel Bristol, above right, where his body was found on Monday afternoon



## Rothschild family tree



## Reluctant heir who struggled to live up to the family name

Patrick Donovan on the ties that proved too much for the man groomed to take over at the top

**I**T IS impossible to imagine what was going through the mind of Amschel Rothschild when he decided to end his life in a 2500-a-night room at the Hotel Bristol in Paris on Monday afternoon.

At 41, he was the vastly privileged heir-apparent to one of the world's most powerful banking dynasties. He appeared to be happily married to Anita Guinness and his social circle spanned captains of industry, fellow Suffolk landowners and members of the royal family.

Yet those who knew him well say he was never comfortable with the public position and status heaped upon him. He was a nervous and diffident man driven by his sense of family obligation to dedicate himself to a job for which

he was clearly unequipped. Former colleagues said yesterday he had been upset at what he perceived to be his failure to live up to the Rothschild name.

The forces which drove him to join the family bank were probably impossible to understand by anybody born outside this banking dynasty which has dominated world banking for more than 250 years.

Other big Jewish banking dynasties like the Warburgs or the Goldschmidts have come and gone. But it has been the strength of the Rothschild ties of blood, religion and money which have helped the clan survive.

But the intensity of these relationships has also caused deep rifts and rivalries within the family, according to those who have

worked at the bank. For behind all the glamour there is friction, bordering on outright animosity between the elders of the clan.

The death of Amschel throws a huge question mark over the succession to the bank, casting doubt over whether a bank controlled by a patrician family can survive in a global financial market increasingly dominated by Wall Street and Japanese banks.

The saga is as complex as the ownership structure of the Rothschild banking empire, which has its main businesses in London, Paris and New York. These are loosely-linked family firms, handling billions of pounds of investments, masterminding takeovers and privatisations in virtually every international market where money is made.

Presiding over N M Rothschild in the City of London is the autocratic figure of 65-year-old Sir Evelyn de Rothschild. He is a bastion of the Tory establishment, close friends with Baron



Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman of the firm

Ness Thatcher and Lord Hanson and vied with a mixture of awe and fear by even senior colleagues.

The seeds of discord within the Rothschild clan were first sown more than 20 years ago, when Sir Evelyn fell out with his cousin, Jacob — now Lord Rothschild — over how N M Rothschild should develop.

After a first in history at Oxford, Lord Rothschild branched out successfully on his own. By the end of 1983 he had formed a new outpost of the family empire, Charterhouse J. Rothschild, capitalised at more than £400 million and one of the City's largest merchant banks.

He was forced to retrench after failing to take over the insurance firm of Hansbros Life, which had been a key part of his strategy. Today he presides over RIT Capital Partners, a £350 million investment management operation and venture capital giant together with J. Rothschild Assurance Holdings and Wall Street-based J. Rothschild Wofensohn.

Sir Evelyn became the majority family shareholder and took over tighter control. His masterstroke was to appoint Sir Michael Richardson, another intimate of Mrs Thatcher. Together they used their government connections to give N M Rothschild a seeming mo-



Jacob Rothschild... branched out on his own

nopoly on lucrative government privatisations: the £6 billion British Gas flotation, then British Petroleum and the vasty lucrative electricity supply sales.

It was during this period that Amschel was called upon to join the family bank.

Not only was the asset management operation failing, but key non-family staff were becoming increasingly disenchanted with Sir Evelyn's domineering presence and erratic management style.

Sir Evelyn now has to solve the huge succession crisis following the death of his nephew. With his eldest son just 19, Sir Evelyn's own children are too young to take up the mantle before his own retirement in a few years time.

One solution would be to persuade David de Rothschild, who heads the French arm of the bank to take over in London. But colleagues say there are too many family tensions for such a solution to work.

Another solution would be to give the job to Jacob's son, Nathaniel, who is 25 and working in banking in New York.

## Patient dies three months after mechanical heart 'milestone'

Nick Varley

**A**MAN fitted with a mechanical heart three months ago in an operation hailed as a medical milestone has died.

Ralph Lawrence, aged 65, from Kemble, Warwickshire, was fitted after doctors implanted the battery-powered heart into his abdomen. Only the second person in the country to undergo the pioneering operation, he said he was looking forward to dancing the tango.

Last night doctors at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford announced he had

died as a result of complications following another operation.

Mr Lawrence initially made excellent progress, according to Peter Bagnall, chairman of the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital NHS Trust. He was re-admitted because of evidence of a blood infection, which led to a suspected liver infection.

Mr Bagnall said: "We would like to express our sincere condolences to Jean, his widow, their three children and their families."

Abel Goodman, aged 64, the first man in Britain to have a permanent artificial heart implanted, also died, five months after his operation.

## Berlin Wall guards face trial for notorious killing



East German border guards in August 1962 carry away the dying Peter Fechter, who lay wounded for almost an hour

Ian Traynor in Bonn

**T**WO former East German servicemen face manslaughter charges, 24 years after they allegedly shot and killed a youth aged 19 who was trying to escape to west Berlin across the Berlin Wall. The incident has long been viewed as perhaps the most notorious killing on the former cold war frontline.

On August 17, 1962, a year after the wall went up, Peter Fechter and a companion were trapped by East German gunfire in the death strip beyond the wall. His companion, Helmut Kulbeik, made it

to the West, but Fechter collapsed after being hit.

Allied soldiers, west German police and ordinary west Berliners looked on helplessly as he lay in no-man's land for almost an hour until East German border guards came and dragged him away by the feet. He died in hospital.

Yesterday the Berlin prosecutors charged two former border guards, one aged 60, the other 54, with manslaughter and attempted manslaughter.

The guards were tracked down by a German television journalist who researched the files of the former East German secret police when they

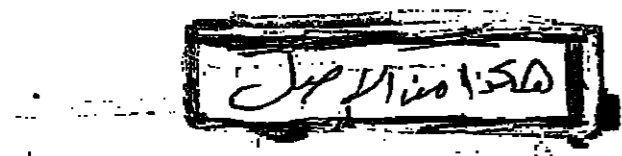
were opened after the fall of the wall in 1989.

The charges follow years of controversy in reunified Germany over criminal trials of agents of the former East German regime. The defendants generally contend they were following orders, and many east Germans feel they are condemned by a system of "victors' justice". But many lawyers and politicians argue that the victims are owed justice.

Three months ago a Berlin appeal court quashed a 10-month sentence against another former border guard for wounding a youth, aged 16, who was trying to flee over the wall in 1967. The accused

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# Ulster braced for further strife

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Rovers moved into Belfast's Ormeau Road in preparation for today's Twelfth of July parade, putting the largely Catholic area under a 16-hour curfew. Riot police and soldiers swarmed the district.

The move came as an application by the nationalist Lower Ormeau Concerned Community for a judicial review of today's parade by an Orange Lodge making its way to the main Belfast march — the highlight of the Battle of the Boyne anniversary celebrations — was rejected by the High Court.

Spokesman Gerard Rice said: "The RUC are powerless. Mayhem is powerless and the courts are powerless... Thousands of RUC men are swamping this area and beating people off the streets. It's Orange law."

SDLP councillor Alex Attwood said: "It's a disaster. The RUC has compounded error upon error. By and large the nationalist community has been very dignified."

The RUC's sudden and often brutal response to this week's violence has prompted growing fears of a republican backlash. The Irish prime minister, John Bruton, said in Paris he would be telephoning John Major to seek an explanation for this decision which I cannot comprehend — which I think was very mistaken."

The Irish president, Mary Robinson, broke down in tears in Cork when she said: "I have a terrible sense of sadness and heartache over what has been going on in this island over the past few days."

This week's events, with violence and intimidation not witnessed since the early 1970s, mean that almost certainly this will be the last marching season without greater political input and control of contentious routes.

The issue is certain to dominate next week's political talks at Stormont, which the main Unionist parties said they will rejoin following the resolution of the Drumree situation. However there is a danger that with nationalist anger running high the SDLP will now decide to pull out.



RUC officers drag away a demonstrator amid protests at Orangemen being allowed to march along Garvaghy Road, Portadown. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEROME DELAY

# RUC U-turn keeps violence in driving seat

David Sharrock and Owen Bowcott on the bitter recriminations in Portadown

SIX days after the RUC chief constable, Sir Hugh Amessy, said he was damned if he did and damned if he didn't allow Orangemen to march past a nationalist housing estate, he had finally done both... and he was.

Yesterday's U-turn on the Garvaghy Road in Portadown has dealt a shattering blow to the morale and credibility of Northern Ireland's police force, signalling to both Catholics and Protestants that violence is still the most influential force in the province.

The inconsistency of security policy has been starkly revealed. At a hastily convened press conference, held as plastic bullets were still being fired at angry nationalists and the Orangemen were being given a rapturous welcome in the centre of Portadown, Sir Hugh justified

allowing the parade to go ahead with the same arguments he used last weekend to ban it.

Sir Hugh said the original decision to stop 1,300 Portadown Orangemen marching down the Garvaghy Road against the wishes of Catholic residents had been made on the grounds of anticipation of serious public disorder.

"That decision was sound when it was made and I have no regrets about that. Since then the situation has deteriorated to a situation that tonight or perhaps tomorrow we could have faced 50,000 members of the Orange Order attempting to push through a line against thousands of policemen and soldiers."

"The potential there if that line was breached for loss of life had become so high that I simply could not allow it to go on. I thought an accommoda-

tion could be achieved but when I knew that the church leaders had been unable to reach that accommodation I had to make this decision."

Clearly angry and frustrated with the failure of politicians to address the issue of contentious parades, he said: "I'm sick and tired and so are my colleagues of being stuck in the middle of a no-win situation. I want the Government to look at this issue... this must be the subject of some sort of commission."

Negotiations between church leaders, Garvaghy Road residents and Orange representatives foundered yesterday morning when talks at a carpet mill involving the Catholic primate Cardinal Daly and the Church of Ireland archbishop, Robin Eames, ended in stalemate.

The Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, refused to speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre Orange Hall because of the risk of looking triumphant, according to an aide-

attention from the RUC plan to impose the march by force. "We did not get agreement."

Asked if there had been any compromise at all, he replied: "None whatsoever, because we were looking for agreement and we couldn't get it."

He said the negotiations had been trying to establish a deal to last for several years in order to avoid another stand-off. The search would continue but would not be easy.

Sources said that part of a deal suggested on Wednesday night included the acceptance that nationalists were entitled to hold their own parades into Portadown town centre — something which has never taken place — but that Protestant hardliners had rejected the idea.

A proposal by Archbishop Eames for an independent commission to consider the route of contentious parades had also been ruled out.

Breandan Mac Cionnaith, leader of the Garvaghy Road Residents' Coalition, said the talks had been a charade to divert

attention from the RUC plan to impose the march by force. "They had no purpose. For 2½ hours we sat in the carpet factory waiting for talks to commence. But those talks never started."

Orange leaders said there was no surprise that they had not agreed to meet Mr Mac Cionnaith personally because of his IRA criminal record. Talks had been undertaken with the local SDLP councillor, Ignatius Fox.

The outcome of a conflict which this week provoked the worst night of civil unrest in 25 years is more bitterness in both communities. A Catholic woman said: "I have hated the IRA all my life but by God this would make you want to support them."

A Ulster Volunteer Force member said that loyalist anger had gone beyond the mere fact of the prevention of an Orange church parade. "It will be hard to trust the police after this. After what's happened this week nobody is going to forgive them."

# Bosnia Serb war chiefs face arrest

Richard Norton-Taylor

THE war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia yesterday issued international arrest warrants for Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, the two most prominent Bosnian Serb leaders, increasing pressure on the world community to take more resolute action to bring them to trial.

The warrants are being sent to all United Nations member states and to Interpol, making the Bosnian Serb political leader and his military chief in effect, international fugitives from justice. Countries will be under an obligation to seize them if they enter their territory.

Judge Claude Jorda, who announced the move in a two-hour statement to The Hague tribunal, also proposed new charges of genocide and ethnic cleansing against the pair, who were first indicted after the massacre at Srebrenica, exactly a year ago.

Expected new indictments relate to Srebrenica and to the siege of Sarajevo, in which more than 12,000 people died over 3½ years as Bosnian Serb forces rained shells and sniper fire on civilians.

The tribunal was told last week that a river near Srebrenica ran red with blood as Serb forces slaughtered the Muslim male population after capturing the UN "safe haven", and that civilians struggling to escape the area were attacked with tank and artillery fire. It heard that many of those who fell into Serb hands had their noses, lips and ears sliced off.

Judge Jorda emphasised that Mr Karadzic and Gen Mladic were personally responsible for war crimes.

They "exercised their power in order to plan, instigate, order or otherwise aid and abet in the planning, preparation or execution of the crimes".

While Judge Jorda rebuked the Bosnian Serbs and Slovenian Milosevic's Serbia for failing to arrest the two men, the decision to issue the warrants is designed chiefly to apply pressure on other countries. Serbia and the Bosnian Serbs do not recognise the tribunal's jurisdiction.

The warrants were issued as members of the Contact Group on Bosnia — the United States, Britain, France, Germany and Russia — remain undecided about what to do next to achieve their oft-stated aim to see Mr Karadzic and Gen Mladic brought to justice. British officials made it plain yesterday that there will be no change in the mandate of the 11,000 peacekeeping force.

The mandate — which has been criticised by the tribunal — gives the Nato-led peacekeepers the authority "to arrest those indicted persons whom they come across in the ordinary course of their duties", but not to seek them out.

A clear dispute emerged earlier this week between Robert Frowick, the US head of the Bosnia office of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which is charged with organising the Bosnian elections, and Carl Bildt, the international community's High Representative for Bosnia.

Mr Frowick threatened to ban the Bosnian Serb Democratic Party (SDS) from the elections so long as Mr Karadzic remains its leader. Mr Bildt says Mr Karadzic's decision last week to hand over the Bosnian Serb presidency to his deputy, is sufficient. Britain agrees, arguing that it is essential for the SDS to participate if the elections are to have any credibility.

Meanwhile, the World Court yesterday rejected objections by the rump Yugoslavia — Serbia and Montenegro — to claims of genocide made by Bosnia. Bosnia accuses Serbia of breaching the 1948 Genocide Convention by arming and supporting separatist Serbs in Bosnia.

"The court concludes that the application filed by Bosnia and Herzegovina on the 20th of March 1993 is admissible," the presiding judge, Mohammed Bedjaoui, said.

Croatia's commitment to extraditing suspected war criminals was cast in doubt by reports yesterday that a suspect indicted by The Hague tribunal enjoying sanctuary in Zagreb, AP reports. The Globes weekly published photographs of Dario Kordic standing outside a state-owned luxury apartment in the city.

# Hairy men 'are more intelligent'

Members of Mensa, not labourers, more likely to be hirsute, claims psychiatrist

Chris Miller  
Medical Correspondent

IT'S very good news for men like Gary Glitter and Tom Jones, and it could provoke a boom in chest wigs. Hairy men, according to a psychiatrist speaking at a conference yesterday, are definitely brighter.

Typically it is thought that building site workers and others in manual jobs have hairy chests but the reverse is true — more hairy chests are to be found among doctors, engineers and others whose intelligence has secured them a university education.

Dr Aikarakady Alias claims members of Mensa, not labourers, are more likely to have hairy chests.

Dr Alias, of the Chester mental health centre, Illinois, said 45 per cent of male medical students in one American study were "very hairy" compared with 10 per cent of the general male population.

Other research carried out by Dr Alias in Kerala, south India, comparing around 130 medical and engineering students with the same number of manual labourers, found the students to be more hirsute.

Among the engineering students the top six in the class were far hairier than the bottom eight.

"When academic ranking among students was examined, the hairier males got better grades," Dr Alias told the conference of the Association of European



Pop star Gary Glitter... not just a hairy chest

Psychiatrists and the Royal College of Psychiatrists, in London.

He said studies among 117 Mensa members had found a tendency to thicker

body hair. "Mensa men are more hairy."

He added some of the most intelligent men appeared to be those who had hair on their backs as well as on their chests.

Dr Alias believes the link between intelligence and hairiness might occur because of a chemical called DHT, a variant of the male hormone testosterone. This not only controls sexual characteristics such as body hair but is believed to play a role in mental faculties.

There were, however, some words of consolation for smooth skinned males — there are some famous exceptions to the idea hairiness is linked with intelligence.

"Men with plentiful body hair tend to be more intelligent but there are also very intelligent men with very little body hair. Albert Einstein had no body hair," Dr Alias said.

NOTICE PLACED BY THE LONDON PENSIONS FUND AUTHORITY

# APOLOGY by the London Pensions Fund Authority to Patricia May Eaton

Following the demise of the Inner London Education Authority (the ILEA) on 31 March 1990 and by the passing to the London Pensions Fund Authority (the Authority) on 1st April 1992 of all the functions, rights and liabilities of the London Residuary Body which relate to, or arise from, any contract of employment with the ILEA, the Authority took over the Defence of an action which had been commenced by Miss Patricia Eaton for damages for breach of contract against the ILEA and Mr David Mallen (the last Education Officer of the ILEA) and, in 1993, became a Defendant, again alongside Mr Mallen, in a second action commenced by Miss Eaton for damages for personal injury arising out of her employment with the ILEA. A full and intensive review of the documentation surrounding her complaints has made the Authority and Mr Mallen aware of the following matters:



- that there was serious mismanagement of the issues arising out of the events which led Miss Eaton successfully to bring defamation proceedings in the High Court against Mr Terry Horsley in 1983;
- that there was a failure by the ILEA to address Miss Eaton's legitimate grievances concerning the mismanagement of those issues either by instituting disciplinary procedures or otherwise;
- that Miss Eaton's professional reputation, career and status have all been irretrievably damaged by that mismanagement and that failure to the extent that she was deprived of her employment and suffered severe harm to her health and future prospects;
- that the failure to address Miss Eaton's legitimate grievances was a source of great sadness to her mother while alive;
- that the failure to address Miss Eaton's grievances continued and was exacerbated by the withdrawal from her in January 1990 of a Special Enquiry that had been promised to her as a means of addressing those grievances;
- that Miss Eaton should have been accorded sight of the report prepared by Ms. Marion Stockley in March 1990 without the need for her to have commenced proceedings in the High Court to secure sight of the same; and
- that her distress has been exacerbated by the need to pursue court proceedings in order to secure redress and acknowledgement of the wrongs done to her.

The Authority offers to Miss Eaton their apology without reservation for all the above and especially for the distress and vexation which was occasioned to her mother in the last years of her life and express the hope that such apology, coupled with the payment to her of a significant sum in damages, will go some way to restoring Miss Eaton's health and professional

# Martin Guerre on the musical decline in a barren parable

First night

Michael Billington  
Martin Guerre  
Prince Edward Theatre

PEOPLE are prophesying the end of the big musical. Frankly Martin Guerre, by Boublil and Schönberg (the team that brought us Les Misérables and Miss Saigon), is more likely to hasten than to delay its end. For all the qualities that one looks for in the musical — wit, passion, a heady ecstasy — are conspicuously absent from this lugubrious, heavy-going spectacle.

A pity, because the story of Martin Guerre contains a fascinating moral conundrum as

shown by the 1982 French movie. There we watched a virtile fraudster taking the place of the vanished, impotent hero in a French village in 1592, and bringing love and fruitfulness to his barren wife.

But the musical takes an entirely different tack. It blows the suspense by showing the hero, Arnaud du Thil, turning up in the village to report Martin Guerre's death and then being given his identity by the credulous villagers. Even more importantly, it shifts the interest from the elusiveness of identity to the theme of religious persecution.

The main problem is that the show has no real centre. Is it about reinvention of the individual self? Or the power of romantic passion and the mutual devotion of Arnaud (Iain

Glen) and his assumed wife, Bertrande (Juliette Caton)? Or the bigamy and hatred that pervaded rural France. It tries to be about all three and has nothing very original to say.

What is notable is its failure to convey passion. Schönberg's score lapses into soaring woe-wynonny when the central couple bare their souls, and Edward Hardy's lyrics are full of wet lines. The redeeming features of the evening are Bob Avian's choreography and David Hersey's lighting. The former allows dances to grow organically out of a rhythmic foot-stamping as if we are watching a Galle Tap Dances and provides that touch of excitement all musicals need. And the latter bathes the stage in gentle russet hues that catch the tone of a rural autumn.

Iain Glen's Arnaud is a sturdy hero deprived of moral complexity, Juliette Caton sings prettily enough as Bertrande, and Declan Donnellan's production, aided by Nick Ormerod's revolving wooden towers, is clean and unbusy. But the book is the matically overloaded. There is also something ludicrous about the conclusion in which, after the display of burning religious hatred, the villagers resolve to "pray, love, weep, grow".

I am all for redemption, but to pretend that Artigat suddenly turns into Oklahoma is to impose a feel-good ending on a show that is about — if it is about anything — the destructive nature of religious zeal. It just won't wash.

This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

American fiction is probably not, at present, as interesting and as rich as English, but it does not labour under this awful English burden of knowing too much. So what American fiction teaches is the beauty of a literature of discovery over a literature of knowledge.

James Wood

Review cover story

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News in brief

Man wins £27,500 after police assault

A HIGH COURT jury yesterday awarded £27,500 damages to a man whose arm was broken by police who "piled in" as he rowed with his girlfriend...

Tribunal boost for dean

THE beleaguered Dean of Lincoln won a significant victory yesterday when an industrial tribunal threw out a claim that he had sexually harassed one of his former pupils...

Fresh witness in Bootle killing

DETECTIVES hunting the killer of Jade Matthews, found battered to death on a railway line in Bootle, Merseyside, confirmed yesterday that a third witness had seen the nine-year-old on Sunday afternoon...

Cornish rebels on the move

THE site of a controversial statue in the Cornish village of St Keverne has been changed to bring peace. Plans to erect a memorial to Michael Joseph and Thomas Flanagan...

£12,650 for note to real Bond

A UNIQUE first edition of Ian Fleming's novel You Only Live Twice - inscribed by him to the 'real' James Bond - fetched £12,650 at a London auction yesterday...

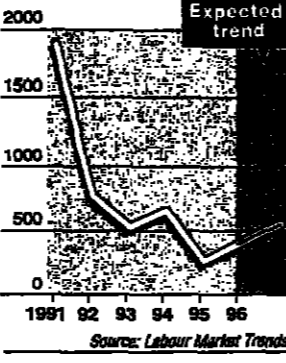
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Pilots call off strike but postal row grows

Suzanne Milne Labour Editor

NEXT Tuesday's planned British Airways pilots' strike was postponed last night after an improved company offer...

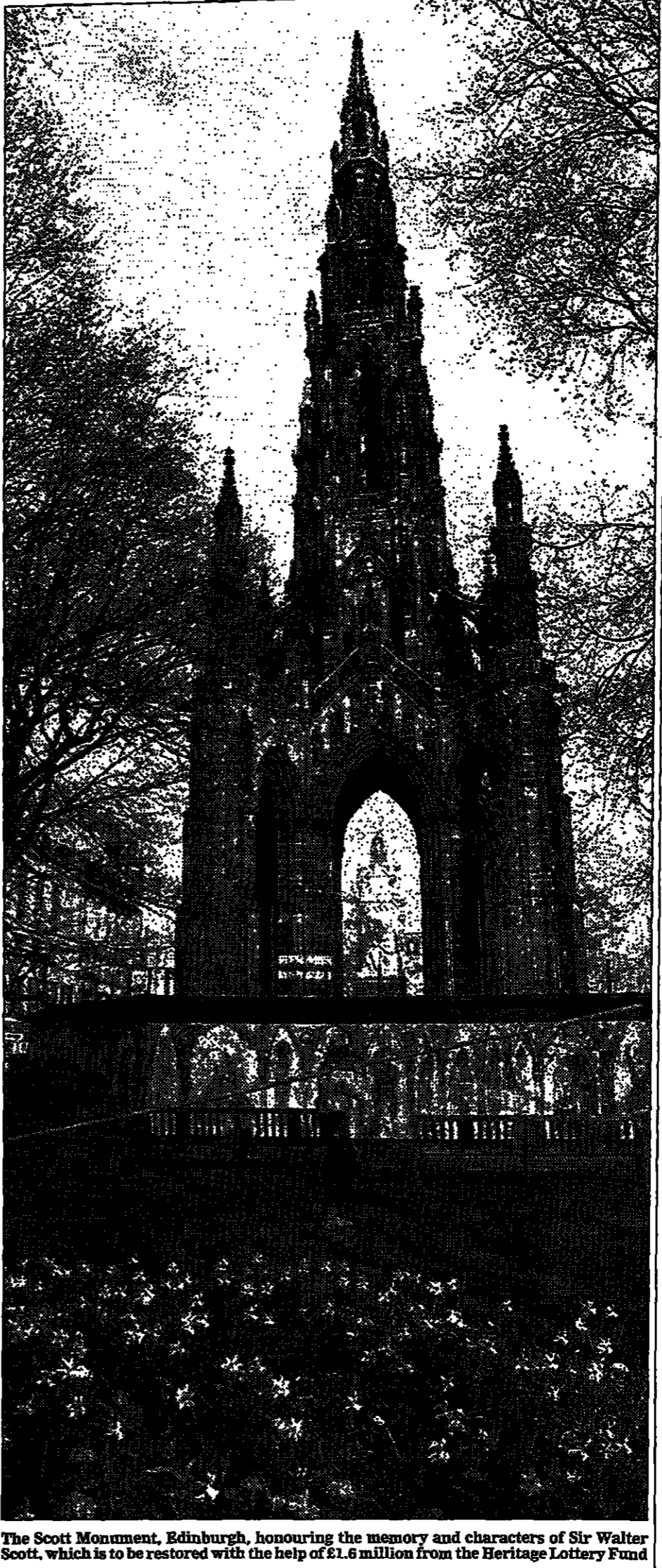
Stoppages



as well as more work and responsibility for a new basic weekly wage of £211. The CWU wants an end to six-day working and a cut in the 41 1/2 hour week...

Sorting office and delivery staff to take action 'with a heavy heart'

Post Office's monopoly hangs over both sides. Combined with this week's vote by Rail Maritime and Transport union Tube drivers to join Aslef drivers...



The Scott Monument, Edinburgh, honouring the memory and characters of Sir Walter Scott, which is to be restored with the help of £1.6 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund

£1.6m lottery grant lightens Scott's imagery

Erleend Clouston on a hero's revival

THE Heritage Lottery Fund has ridden to the rescue of the Scott Monument, the romantic stone steeple in Edinburgh commemorating one of the heroes of adventure fiction...

Teacher training colleges face fresh Ofsted visit

Donald MacLeod Education Correspondent

TEACHER training colleges are to be re-inspected for possible shortcomings in basic reading and numeracy training despite an 18-month inspection programme...

trendy, progressive methods which they blame for poor standards in the classroom. The first "sweep" of the 67 institutions training primary teachers - looking at English, maths, pupil assessment...

Police face new discipline clampdown

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

MEASURES to modernise police disciplinary hearings, including reducing the standard of proof required to take action against an officer...

will be replaced by a test of "reasonableness" in all disciplinary cases. It is expected to lead to many more successful disciplinary cases being brought against officers.

Too much flower power

Geoffrey Gibbs

BACK in the heady flower power days of 1967, when Scott McEnzie was flying high in the charts, the advice given to those going to San Francisco was clear: "Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair..."

Dover swimming with fish dating back 800 years

Maev Kennedy Heritage Correspondent

THE good news is that Dover is awash with cod, herring, ray and sole. The bad news is that the fish date from the 12th century.

Pensioner loses sex equality fight for cheap fares

Claire Dyer Legal Correspondent

A PENSIONER lost a five-year sex discrimination battle over cheap bus travel in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg yesterday.

A vertical strip of various advertisements including 'Police ad', 'Loc be fa', 'Police believe', 'P', 'Auctio', 'FF', and 'ACTUAL SIZE'. The text is partially cut off and difficult to read.

**Police advise Kent villagers not to walk alone along quiet country lanes and warn that murderer may strike again**



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**Patrick Williams, chef**

"I took my newspaper boy and girl off their rounds this morning, and their parents were very relieved I had done so"

**Duncan Whitley post office owner**

**'Local man' may be family's killer**

**Police believe attack was planned, reports Lucy Manning**

**P**OLICE investigating the double murder in Kent of Lin Russell and her six-year-old daughter, Megan, believe a local man may be responsible and could strike again. Detective Chief Inspector Dave Stevens, leading the inquiry, appealed for information yesterday and said that the killing might have been pre-planned. "Given the nature of the injuries, there would have been a lot of blood and anyone involved is likely to have been covered with a lot of blood. We would like to hear from anyone who has been seen with bloodstained clothing," Mr Stevens described the murders as an "utterly, utterly frenzied attack... by a

person prepared to use extreme violence. It is the work of someone who is clearly deranged." A post mortem revealed both died from multiple fractures to the skull, having received more than 15 blows to the head. Mrs Russell's second daughter, nine-year-old Josephine, also suffered skull fractures and is critically ill in hospital. Detectives had hoped she would be able to reveal vital information about the attacker, but now believe her head injuries will prevent her remembering much about the attack. Her father, whom police describe as "a tremendous help", is at her bedside. The bodies were discovered on Wednesday a short dis-

tance from the family home in Nonington, near Canterbury. Mrs Russell had picked her daughters up from school and was taking a short cut home through Cherry Garden Lane, a secluded country track. Mr Stevens said the pair had suffered an appalling death. "There were multiple injuries to the skull. In my 23 years of experience this is the most horrific, terrible murder I have ever had the misfortune to come across. The mentality of the person who could do this is beyond my imagination." Forensic scientists were examining the scene, but there was no sign of a struggle or an overt sexual assault. The murder weapon has yet to be

recovered, but police think a metal hammer or ice pick was used. Police spokesman Mark Pugh confirmed there had been a positive response to their appeals for information. "The response has been good, but it is too early to tell if it will prove to be productive. There is a high profile police presence in the area and we will continue to interview everyone and conduct a fingerprint search." A criminal psychologist is to draw up a profile of the killer. Mr Stevens said the nature of the murders meant that it was likely the attacker would strike again. "A person who has done this must have the propensity to do it again. We must catch this person rapidly before that is allowed to happen." Police have advised villagers not to walk along quiet country lanes, or let their children out of their sight, and are hoping the police presence will provide some reassurance. However residents say information that the murderer may be a local man has al-

Murder victims Lin Russell and daughter Megan, above right, survivor Josephine, centre, and, left, police search woodland yesterday where the bodies were found near Goodnestone, Kent

PHOTOGRAPH LEFT: NEIL MUMFORD

ready changed behaviour in the village. "People feel very exposed to each other," said Patrick Williams, 41, a chef at the Promis Centre, an addiction rehabilitation clinic near the village. "There is a very strange atmosphere, everybody is talking about it and the speculation is extraordinary." The owner of the post office, Duncan Whitley, 59, said the problem for the village was that there was no indication the attacker had gone away. "One woman I know went round her house with the dog, looking in every cupboard. I took my newspaper boy and girl off their rounds this morning, and their parents were very relieved I had done so."

**Auction room takes it lying down as boudoir relic goes under the hammer**

**Mattress that once supported Hugh and Liz gets the media crowd in bidding mood**

**Sarah Beasley**  
**W**HAT price one second-hand mattress, slightly soiled? At a Bath auction room

yesterday, among the walnut armchairs and mahogany wardrobes, the fiercest competition of the day broke out over the five-foot Sleepeeze Grand Luxe number that once supported the recumbent

forms of Hugh Grant and Elizabeth Hurley. Just a year ago, it was carried ostentatiously into Littleton House, near Bath, past the ranks of photographers, where the most public private reunion of recent times was taking place. Mr Grant had returned from a brush with the law in California, arrested for

picking up the prostitute Divine Brown in his car. The floral-patterned Sleepeeze went, it transpired, into the master bedroom. It was up for sale yesterday at the Gardner Houlgate auction rooms with the other contents of Littleton House, which has just been sold. With it was the picnic bench where Liz and Hugh were snapped

together. The antiques dealers and private collectors were bemused. "I'm not interested in the slightest," said Tony Hart. "A second-hand mattress? Ugh. It's disgusting." But no considerations of taste disturbed the bidders for bench and mattress. The fight was amongst those who had brought the furniture its fame in the first place — the media. Great Western Radio (GWR-FM), based in Bristol, fended off the Sunday Mirror to clinch the bench for £320. Then in a needle match of winks and nudges, it beat off rival breakfast show Galaxy 101 and the Daily Sport to claim the mattress too — for £550. GWR intends to give away both items as competition prizes in a live radio show at a hot-air balloon display later this month.



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6 WORLD NEWS

Yeltsin repays poll debt to power-hungry general

Lebed wins right to vet all top jobs

DAVID HEARST IN MOSCOW
BORIS YELTSIN repaid his political debt to Alexander Lebed, his new security adviser, yesterday by giving him powers to vet all senior government appointments.

Chechen rout 'at any cost'

SENIOR Russian commanders vowed last night to "finish off" rebel Chechen fighters, no matter the cost in civilian lives, writes David Hearst in Moscow.

Russia's deputy commander in Chechnya, Vladimir Shamanov, said Russian aircraft and artillery would continue to attack villages, including Gekhi, and he called for "ruthless moves against those bastards".

bag of vegetables as the near-empty trolleybus was approaching its terminus. No one claimed responsibility, and it is unlikely that anyone will. Moscowites never discount the possibility that bombs may be planted by government agent provocateurs.



Pickets... Striking miners block the railway near Donetsk in the Donbass in support of their demand for months of backpay PHOTOGRAPH BY GLEB GARANICH

Ukraine's unpaid miners step up strike

JAMES MEAK IN MOSCOW
STRIKING miners in eastern Ukraine stepped up their pressure on Kiev to pay their wages yesterday, blocking railways into the industrial city of Donetsk.

James Meak in Moscow
The battle of the generals is serving Gen Lebed's interests. He has been pressing for a man outside the military apparatus, General Igor Rodionov, head of the general staff academy, to be made deputy prime minister.

from Russia for energy supplied since it became independent five years ago. The president told parliament that Mr Lazarenko's government would have to take unpopular measures. It would "introduce an emergency regime in the economy without an overall state of emergency in the country".



Gen Alexander Kuzmuk: the new defence minister

sian and Soviet nostalgic sentiment. Donetsk has been unexpectedly tolerant of Ukraine's independent status so far, but a yearning for closer ties with ethnic kin to the east is never far below the surface.

Islamic morals come unstuck under assault by 'Israeli gum'

DOUGLAS JEHL IN MANSAURA, EGYPT
IF IT is true, as is whispered here, that certain young women in this provincial capital have let their moral standards lapse, then no one wants to believe they fell prey to hormones alone.

Bruton backs federal force

JOHN PALMER IN BRUSSELS
THE new Irish presidency of the European Union is to press its partners to establish an FBI-style European police force with cross-border authority.

precise powers - including powers of arrest in member states - the force might be given. This is expected to be one of the issues discussed at a special Maastricht treaty review summit in October.

News in brief



A boy holds a microphone up to a statue of Queen Victoria in a poster in Hong Kong advertising an opera about the British colony's return to Chinese rule

Europeol, based in The Hague, has been mainly concerned with exchanging intelligence data between national police forces. But it is becoming more active in the struggle against international terrorism.

Norway accuses Burma of torturing consul in jail
NORWAY said yesterday it had evidence that its honorary consul in Burma was tortured before he died in a Rangoon prison last month.

NATO pledge for Poland
PRESIDENT Clinton has told Poland it will be among the first countries invited to join Nato after a meeting of the alliance in December.

Taiwan urges China summit
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Saudi Arabia turns down 'unworkable' elections

KATHY EVANS
THE president of Saudi Arabia's advisory council, Sheikh Mohammed bin Jubair, yesterday ruled out, on Islamic grounds, the prospect of elections.

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North Korean swims south

A NORTH KOREAN brick-factory worker said yesterday he had swum to South Korea because people in his country were being treated "like dogs and pigs".

Eta bomb attack

Basque separatists exploded a bomb yesterday at a hotel in Jost, southern Spain, the fourth attack this week against tourist sites - AP.

Sri Lanka killings

At least 40 Tamil rebels and four policemen were killed yesterday in two separate incidents in eastern Sri Lanka, officials said - AP.

At root, 'H' Jones was what a gallant irrelevance.

The enduring story was the descendant to individual heroics. Were Goose Green and Darwin necessary? Peter Freeston, page 9

Vertical text on the right margin: "The Guardian Friday July 12 1996" at the top, "12/Weather/Television" in a large font, and "The weather in Europe" below it. There are also some smaller, less legible vertical text fragments.



English fiction is hidebound, unadventurous and leadenly deliberate, says James Wood. The American novel, on the other hand, is tentative and oblique - amazed at both itself and the world. No wonder it has more life

# The quick and the dead

HERE are two landscapes, one American, one English. The American landscape appears in Willa Cather's novel *My Antonia* (1918); the English in *The Longest Journey* by E. M. Forster (1937).

In Cather's telling, a man sits at a window in Lincoln, Nebraska. "My window was open, and the early wind blowing through made me indolent. On the edge of the prairie, where the sun had gone down, the sky was turquoise blue like a lake, with gold light throbbing in it." The man is reading Ishbel's *Georgics*, and has a note at the bottom of the page: "For Ishbel, if I try to bring the Muse into my country..."

underbreathed, and rises like a bird to just brush its shapely feet. Forster's theme changes through the rather-odd books. Cather imagines, Forster states, Cather says inside her narrator, Forster allows us to see the private side of his heroine. Forster's *The Longest Journey* is a study in the English mind.

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The Guardian Friday July 12 1996



The writers top, clockwise from the left: American novelists Bernard Malamud, Saul Bellow, Willa Cather, Ralph Ellison, Robert Lowell. Bottom, clockwise from the left: English novelist E. M. Forster. A S Byatt, Martin Amis, Angela Carter, Ian McEwan.

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- Pillow (10)
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- Homophone (9)
- 10 Male eyes at (4)
- 13 Stained edge of surface (5)
- 16 Soapie (9)
- 17 Near - test (6)
- 19 Business to be done (6)
- 20 Jack (5)
- 21 Pronomy (4)
- 24 Check (9)
- 25 Rubber wheel (10)
- 28 This remark (9)

Down

- 2 Distances (4)
- 3 The wife of an orange (4)
- 4 Omelette (6)
- 5 Equal (9)
- 6 Equal (9)
- 7 Absently (9)
- 8 Hears because (10)
- 9 Halludogon (4)
- 12 Transplant (6-4)
- 13 Burned clay (5)
- 14 Galehouse (5)
- 15 Glossy coating (9)
- 19 Begonid (6)
- 22 Chair or stately home (4)
- 23 Sheep

### Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

### Steve Bell

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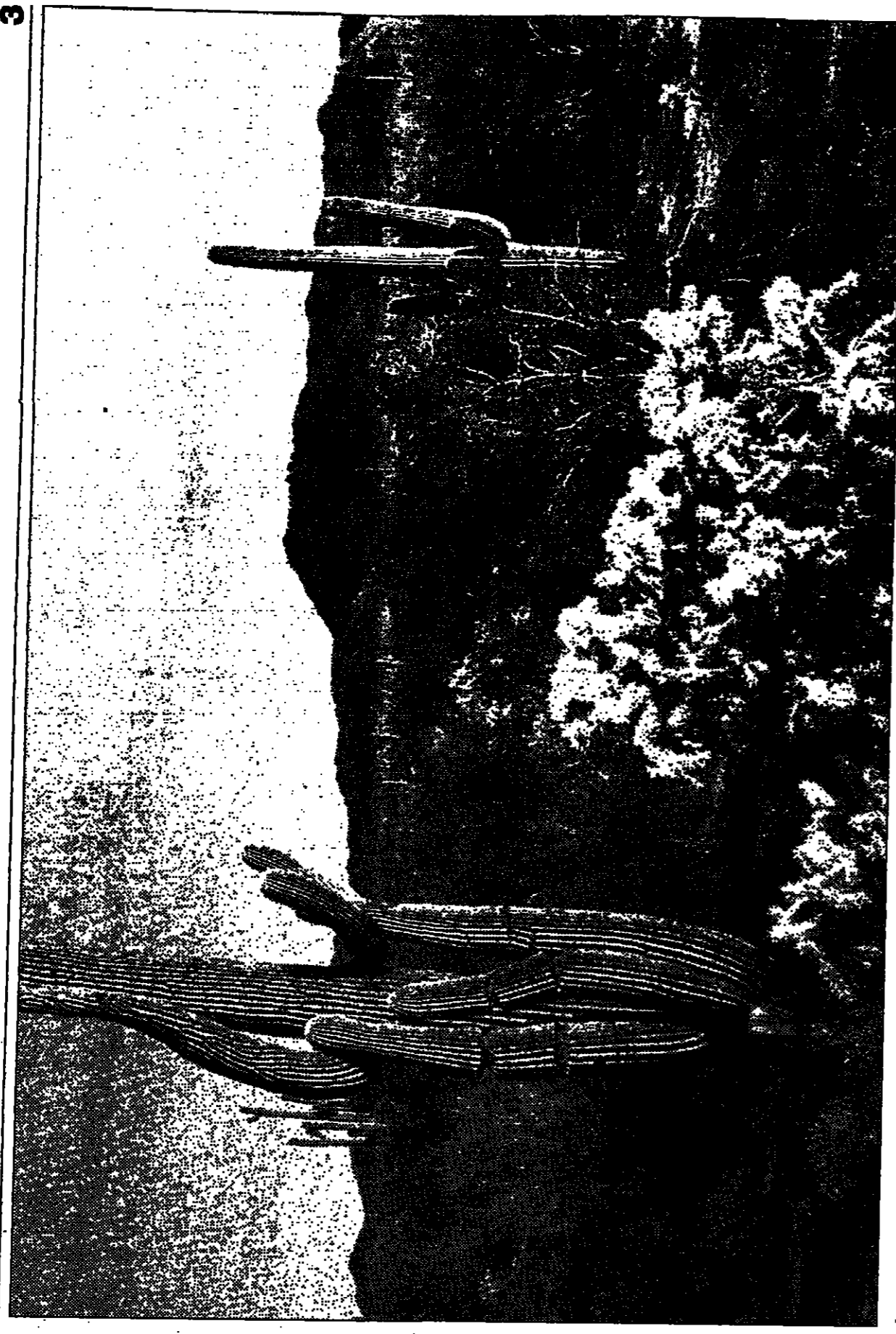
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**T**HE English love of direct statement tends towards explicitness of theme, and hence towards concreteness in a form that should be free. Sometimes this concreteness takes direct expression; other times, the reader is whipped with symbols. All fiction is coercive, of course, but there are degrees of pulling. Forster was a deity bully. Lawrence was an awkward one (and it is his awkwardness that abhors him of violence; his prose is a veritable wall of text). William Golding is a veritable wall of text. William Golding is a veritable wall of text. William Golding is a veritable wall of text.

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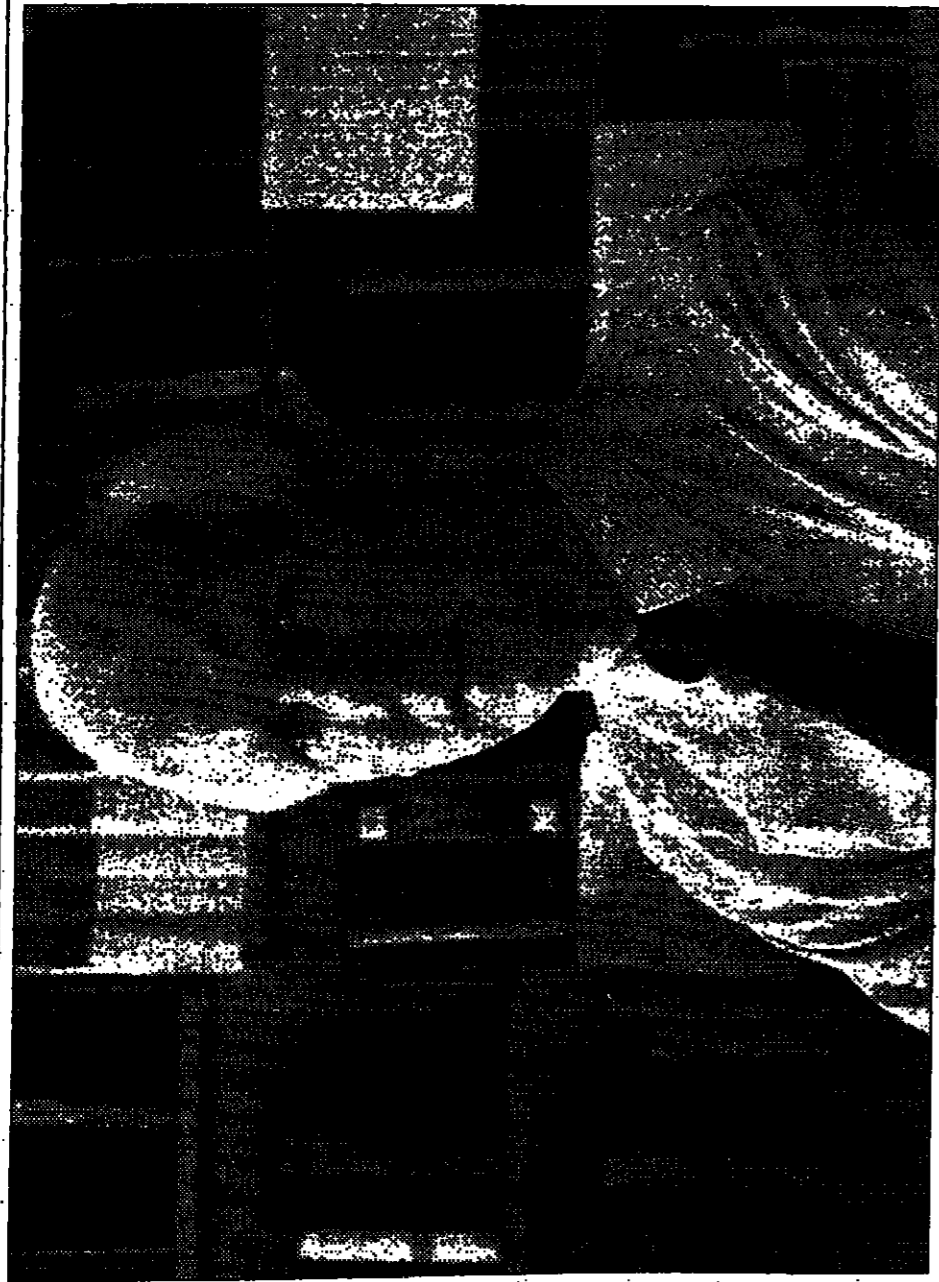
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# BOOKS



Christopher Hawtree meets the man with the herculean task of revising the Dictionary of National Biography for the millennium

## Our lives in his hands

**M**UCH of the work to be done was uninteresting, if not absolutely repulsive, signed Leslie Stephen, first editor of the *Dictionary of National Biography*. Well might Stephen grumble, for it was to kill him, even though when he began work in 1882 (just two years before the first of 60 volumes appeared), he was fit enough to sire a daughter, Virginia Woolf. Famously she portrayed him in *To the Lighthouse* as Mr Ramsay on that metaphorical mental quest for a stalled at Q.

Stephen's was a troubled spirit, with terrible genetic curses, quences, and one marvel at his enjoying and quelling of the contributors before handing over to his deputy, Sidney Lee.

Ancestor he was led on. Although agonised, he welcomed a strong clerical element but balked at the 1,400 young-writers urged by one correspondent Stephen spoke of "the unacceptability of a most treacherous and unpalatable race of men, the antiquaries" — one was so cankerously, pernickety that he resigned when Stephen refused such spellings as King Alfred. Another, sent him a sonnet of an Indian army officer, walked, "My dear husband sleep with his own sword, it says, All India rang with the deed, and there is not a word of it in his biography."

Stephen felt that he had "been dragged into the damnable thing by fate like a careless workman passing moving machinery." After one holiday, he said he felt better — and immediately keeled over.

Although able to call upon the eminent to contribute, he often had to use inspired journeymen (100 men wrote three-quarters of the

28,120 lives). Robert Harrison, of the London Library, contributed many sneaking in his mother; an obscure flower-painter "of limited scope". At a celebratory dinner, the Prince of Wales asked Stephen about Canon Abinger and was told that he was an authority on Lamb. Exasperated the Prince "handed" him the reliable Lee around the century, he fully realised that death is not the end, but hardly anticipated the position expounded that predicted the decade of Supplement and the change in scholarship and gossip which is biography.

The quirks which are the *DNB's* charm are a happy distraction from the task. Invariably aids when depressed, the essayist Logan Fearsall Smith took it to bed and duly recovered. Its worth — and feats — are all the greater with the fresh serendipities of the CD-ROM, an amazing bargain which contains everybody to 1986. Limitless connections are possible, schoolfriends and graveyard neighbours available in an instant, but tap in "sulfide" and the word scarcely occurs, a reflection upon conarers' reluctance to put the illegal set on a certificate (all of these are consulted).

If alive at 82, another avid *DNB* reader, Evelyn Waugh, would undoubtedly at such a desk. Revision itself made him fear that somebody would "cut it down, splice it up, stick in some snags from the Picture Post 'Library', bind it in plastic, hawk it from door to door."

Professor Colin Matthew laughs — and photocopies the piece — when I show it to him in a large room in St Giles', Oxford.



Leslie Stephen: first editor of the DNB

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Colin Matthews current DNB editor, gearing up for 16,000 new entries. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARTIN ARLES

unlike Stephen, we do not have the creeping barrage of the alphabet. It will include people dead before the end of 2000 and appear all at once — printed, on disk and online. Subject volumes, impossible with hot metal, can easily evolve from it.

His enthusiasm is palpable, suggestions and ideas jotted in the notebook always with him (yes, Brian Epstein is likely to get in at last). Meanwhile there is the final Supplement, edited by Christine Nicholls. Nobody will read 1986-1990 cover to cover, but a day zigzagging through it amounts to the same thing. The only meretricious entry is that for the founder of Ross Foods (a frozen food Blake to say that, in such a work, one is less eager for his long account of Macmillan than the brisk one on that "depictor of fantastic tales and inventor of whimsical machines" Rowland Emmet (whose books are now expensive).

Emmet's success much. Ancient historian, the tall Meligs was given to "rolling in the snow in his 'beating costume'". While another long-lived ancient historian, Arnold Momigliano, lacked all pompous and most of the social refinement of Emmet — an act which he described as a triumph of the lid over the ego.

Who remembers that Doris Langley Moore wrote *The Technique of the Love Affair*, about snaring a husband, unlikely but fitting precursor of her Byron studies? Of that Rubbra died in less-than-another era, when designer "Ted" Trilling was asked by "Gorgeous Gussy" Moran "to design her tennis dresses for Wimbledon, and the underwear to go with them. The lace-trimmed panties he made for her caused a sensation, and told that he had put vulgarity and sin into tennis, he was barred from working at Wimbledon for many years."

There is no predictable *DNB* tone. Richard Ingram is never so mellow as in his work for it, and Klagley Anis goes easier on John Braine than in the boozing anti-betting *Memphis* version. Then again, and high time too, Michael Powell's memoirs are called "boastful and vengeful". Swiftly dispatched is Sir William Stephenson, who commissioned a book "to enumerate the best-known successes of British wartime skill and intelligence and ascribe them to Stephenson". Olivier's and Chatwin's bisexual-ty are somewhat baldly mentioned. What can be meant by Storm Jameson's "sexual obsessions"? Alan Bennett's *Dierkes* profess a strange envy of Russell Fry's grave, a view he now modifies, for the gravestone itself is "evidence of the vulgarity from which he never entirely managed to break free."

And so that is the end of the *DNB* — until 2005, the *New DNB*...

The Dictionary of National Biography 1882-1990 Edited by C S Nichols. Oxford, 1995. The Dictionary of National Biography, from the earliest photograph, from the earliest CD-ROM, Oxford, 1995

# Arts



Angry mobs brought the city to a standstill because they couldn't get tickets. Students queued for hours to get a glimpse of their favourite stars. The event? An international congress of architects. Kester Rattenbury reports

## The welly of an architect

South America and Eastern Europe, found there was no room for them in the small conference venues and erupted on to the streets of the city in a shouting, clapping rabble until a makeshift stage was built in the square outside the Museum of Contemporary Art. The four-day event was eventually rescheduled at one of the city's Olympic stadiums.

But organisers may have been but the mood of rebellion goes deeper. We are guns for hire," said Charles Correa, the influential Indian architect who had the Medford presentation to the Royal Institute of British Architects at precisely the time that Prince Charles chose to make his "car-buncle" speech in 1984.

Correa's point — and the message of the congress as a whole — was that architects have for too long been passive participants in the power games by which cities are built, pandering to the vested interests of developers or politicians rather than following their own visions and developing their own strategies.

One of the rallying calls came from Ralph Erskine, designer of the Ark in Hammerhead and the Byker Wall community housing in Newcastle, who had originally declined to speak because he was "too old", but flew in at the last minute to tell the huge crowd of young people: "We've got more and more used to fulfilling the needs of the middle and upper classes... didn't take for long, surely?"

you should be people who are involved in the destiny of the human race... don't be like me and my generation."

Architecture, said the American "deconstructivist" architect Peter Eisenman, "at least since the French Revolution, has been an ideological position, in the creation of new forms — hospitals, prisons, public housing. Now it is more interestingly seen either as a more infrastructure, or as an arm of the media, a polarity represented by Norman Foster's buildings whose shape and form is other his own 'critical architecture' — eccentrically shaped buildings whose shape and form is designed as a comment on the society that builds them. This was not enough, he told the delegates. "You have to look outside."

From the vastly differing schools of thought and activity represented at the congress came a consensus: new forms of information technology were revolutionising the ways in which people, buildings and communities needed to operate. Architects had a crucial part to play in that process.

As Sir Norman Foster put it, in 20 years' time, five billion of the eight billion inhabitants of the world will be living in cities — someone has to take responsibility for their development. His point was all-too-neatly illustrated by the doomed attempt to squeeze an all-star architectural circus into the traditional venues of the old city of Barcelona.



Norman Foster: architect of the Millennium Commission

**P**ICTURE THIS: a large woman in a figure-hugging dress takes to the stage of a 14,000-seater Olympic stadium in Barcelona and speaks, modestly about her "invisible" career. As she leaves, she is mobbed by photographers and autograph hunters and has to be escorted — all too visibly through the bushes to safety. Who is she? A royal, perhaps? A rock star? No, she's an architect, speaking at a \$500-a-head international congress.

Zaha Hadid might not — by her own admission — have seen many of her designs actually built, her most recent disappointment was when her controversial plan for a new Cardiff Bay Opera House was rejected in an eleventh-hour future of Liverpool by the Millennium Commission. But here, among speakers such as Sir Norman Foster and Sir Richard Rogers, she is a leader of the men, women, students and professionals who are devoting their careers to shaping the future of an increasingly urban planet.

The hunger for architectural leadership was clear from the tidal waves of delegates that flooded Barcelona for last weekend's congress of the International Union of Architects, taking the organisers by surprise. The last time the three-yearly conference was held in Britain was in Brighton in 1987, and only a couple of thousand people turned up. Since then it has been growing fast. The ten thousand who arrived in Barcelona came from all over the world, including

Top students fall asleep waiting to get into the three-yearly congress of the International Union of Architects in Barcelona. Above: Autograph hunters break down Sir Norman Foster's photograph.

# Artyfacts

**W**HAT'S the West End of London got that the Royal National Theatre meant? Ken Stoll and Matthew Wareham, that's what. Stoll, who recently gave an electric performance in the Young Vic's new production of *The Miserable*, and Wareham, who were scheduled to work in the autumn season on the South Atlantic, are appearing in *Alchemists*, Stoll appearing in *Clay's and Dad's*. But along comes Sean Connery's new production company with an offer they didn't refuse; now the two will work on Yasmina Reza's new play *Art*, at Wyndham's, opening in October. The National has been left stirred and not a little shaken.

**P**OOOR Tom Cruise. He jets from the States, spends hours parrying boring questions from a bunch of hacks, watches his latest film, *Mission: Impossible*, for the zillionth time, and what happens? The biggest cheer of the evening at the London premiere goes not to him, but to David Seaman, football hero of the hour. How gallant for the film's distributors, UIP, rumoured to have spent more than 250,000 on the post-premiere party at Harrods.

**T**ALKING of alternative ones, Irish American dancer Michael Flatley (for Riverdance fame, now starring in his own *Lord Of The Dance* show) is reportedly livid at being described as "the world's most unlikable sex symbol: 38, fake-tanned and five-foot-moth-fake-in-lust Sunday's Observer". It wasn't the ego of the fun that wound him up but the height: he is, in fact, 5ft 7ins and just a tad sensitive about it. The paper's lawyers should expect a buff envelope from the illigions Flatley any day now.

**A**RTYFACTS recently suggested the real reason why Jodie Foster was dropped from the movie *The Game* — rumour about Tinseltown has it that she's about to come out and the film's makers consider her unsuitable for a romantic lead. Go figure. And now, in a bizarre twist, it appears that Sean Penn will play opposite Michael Douglas in the film. Instead, these women, go much trouble by half, let's give the job to a guy...

**H**OT on the heels of Rent, a version of La Bohème which updates the storyline to the age of AIDS and is currently the hottest ticket in New York, comes the news that Kieron John is writing a pop version of *Aida* to open on Broadway next year. And there was Artyfacts thinking that the original was pretty damn unsurpassable.

**T**AKEN For Granted, the porn video telling the touching tale of Hugh Grant's encounter with LA hooker Divina Brown, will be cut by 80 minutes for its UK release. It didn't take for long, surely?

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# Britain confronts US over Cuba law

Ian Black  
Diplomatic Editor

**A**NGRILY accusing the United States of damaging transatlantic relations, Britain yesterday signalled formal retaliation if President Bill Clinton goes ahead with penalties against non-US companies trading with Cuba.

John Lang, President of the Board of Trade, "strongly condemned" the exclusion from the US of two prominent British businessmen, announced by Washington on Tuesday.

## Washington penalises UK companies with 'stolen' assets

**M**ORE than 20 leading British companies could be ordered to give up their holdings in Cuba or face charges in US courts under the Helms-Burton law, writes Ian Black. They include the tobacco company BAT, sugar trader ED & F Man, Tate & Lyle, Fisons and Glaxo.

and three British engineering firms have pulled out. BAT is about to receive a letter warning its executives to "desist from knowingly trafficking in stolen property or face permanent exclusion from the US".

Americans and the anti-Castro extremists in the Republican Party can exert any influence on policies. Britain ranks as Cuba's fourth-largest trading partner, behind Spain, Canada and Mexico.

Imminent sanctions against non-US companies trading with Iran's oil industry pose problems for British firms. According to figures compiled by the Department of Trade and Industry, of the £330 million of British exports to Iran last year, half went to the oil and gas sector, while the London office of the National Iranian Oil Company spends about £40 million annually in Britain.

be barred from the US. International pressure — applied unsuccessfully during the recent G7 summit in Lyon — will now intensify on Mr Clinton to waive the part of the law which allows US citizens, including those born in Cuba, to sue and claim damages in US courts from foreign firms benefiting from assets on the island.

By penalising the investment interests of its closest allies, the United States is damaging transatlantic relations and giving comfort to those it seeks to challenge. Although we support the United States' aim of bringing about democracy in Cuba and persuading Iran and Libya to renounce their hostile policies, we reject these methods.

## Perot tries again for White House

Martin Walker  
in Washington

**R**OSS PEROT, the Texan billionaire, has declared himself ready to run once more for the presidency of the United States. He will begin with an attempt to capture the nomination of his new Reform Party — one election, at least, that he appears likely to win.

opposition in the ballot of the party's 1.3 million members. "We have to be responsive to the people who created this party. They have a strong desire for me to participate," Mr Perot said, in contrast to his earlier insistence that his creation and financing of the Reform party was "not about me".

## Big Bertha puts Carolina in a state of emergency

Jonathan Freedland  
in Washington

**T**HE people of the Carolinas were bracing themselves last night for a pounding by Hurricane Bertha as forecasters predicted that 100mph winds would hit the coastline of the United States later today.

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**B**UT the conspiracy alleged by his mother adds a fresh twist to long-standing allegations about family involvement in something far beyond juvenile physical aggression.

A surfer in Florida makes the most of the big waves generated by Hurricane Bertha. It is expected to hit the south-east coast today. PHOTOGRAPH OSCAR ROSA



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Yeltsin's empty pledge

Chechen war and the military threat to Russia

AFTER THE ELECTION the slaughter resumes. Yesterday in the small Chechen town of Gekhi, a battered civilian population was uttering pathetic — and predictable — complaints. "We thought the war was over..."

had previously indicated that he would not oppose separate statehood for Chechnya. Now he says that it would make little sense, and has refused to meet the rebels face to face.

The war in Chechnya may seem one crisis too many for a world of many worries. But in a week when we recall the horrors of Srebrenica, the Russian army's policy of indiscriminate slaughter in Chechnya should not be shrugged aside.

MPs win their own award

The pay rise was right — but more controls are needed

THEY KNEW they would be vilified. And yesterday they were — by the public, other professional spokespeople and the tabloids. The Mirror declared "Greedy MPs grab the lot in pay vote" while an Express editorial headline summed it up as "Agreed on Greed".

Body. What was the point of referring the issue to the Body if its recommendations were going to be ignored? Certainly the Body is stuffed with people earning huge salaries but if the proposed parliamentary pay formula of 1983 had been followed, MPs' salaries would have risen to £42,300 by now.

Bullying in the backyard

Washington's Cuba ban is a serious business

WE HAVE BEEN here before — on a Leyland bus. The British sale of 400 buses to Havana in 1964 provoked fury from Washington. Those were the bad old days of the cold war when the two superpowers did not hide their efforts to control and subvert their neighbours.

spurred our own government to protest, is the essential principle of freedom of trade. Cuba is a peaceful member of the world community: there are no international sanctions against Cuba nor any grounds for imposing them.



Letters to the Editor

The price of democracy

WHAT A contrast! At the podium, President Nelson Mandela, who, after 28 years of real hardship suffered during his incarceration, still maintains his high principles, his pride, his dignity and love of justice for all.

PERHAPS in the future MPs may adopt a policy of tying pay increases to productivity, something they have in the past been keen to trumpet as a basis for rises in other areas.

I HAVE no difficulty in accepting the 26 per cent pay rise and am sure that Chancellor Clarke will be consistent in his approach and recommend a 3 per cent funded rise, the remainder to be found from efficiency savings and a cost-improvement programme.

AN ANNUAL salary of £43,000 for MPs is perfectly reasonable in this day and age. However, I believe that it should be means tested. If the £43,000 were to be reduced by £1 for every £1 of external income, with a minimum MP's salary of (say) £10,000 being guaranteed, I don't think anyone would object — with the possible exception of MPs.

CONGRATULATIONS to our MPs on getting a fair rate for the job and for establishing a fair procedure for pay disputes in the public sector, namely, an independent pay review, and, if rejected, a binding free vote by the body concerned.

THE Guardian's survey on General Synod members' attitudes to homosexuality (July 8) reveals the seeds of division and bitterness within the Church of England which, if left to fester under the surface, will soon bring the same scorn and contempt from observers outside the Church.

WONDER how Brian Sedgmore (Front page, July 10) calculates that if he was working as a barrister, rather than as an MP, he would be earning £250,000 a year? As an ageing junior with very little recent experience, he would be lucky to improve on the current daily rate for Legal Aid Crown Court work (£158.26). Allowing six weeks' holiday a year, that would provide him with an annual gross income of £36,397, approximately one-third of which would have to go on his professional expenses.

HOW would Brian Sedgmore's constituents regard his apparent distress at only having a 1.6 litre Rover in which to get to work which doesn't qualify him for mileage at the rate of 74.1 pence a mile? As he lives in Hackney, why doesn't he use public transport to get to work like most people living in London?

PLEASE include a full postal address and a telephone number. We may edit letters; shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we cannot acknowledge those not used.

Time for straight talking on the Church's view of homosexuality

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Because of the Church's perverse teaching on our human sexuality, many of us have been forced to adopt the same process in our personal lives: if we pretend it is not there, surely it will go away.

Soon after my divorce in 1977, my bishop said that if one day I met a man and fell in love with him, he could live in my rectory. Two other bishops I have served under have assured me of their trust and confidence in my integrity. This integrity has only come after more than 30 years of trying to wrestle with the ethical issues — including the teaching of the Bible — and reflect prayerfully on what I perceive God's purpose might be for my life.

many are. Misunderstanding about homosexuality as a human condition, ignorance around the theological issues, unconscious fears of what may lie hidden in deeper parts of ourselves — these must not be allowed to perpetuate division and bitterness. There must be open discussion between those in decision-making positions within the Church and those of us whose journeys (which in my case has included the pain caused to two children and my former wife) have taught us that wholesome gay relationships are compatible with Christian faith.

FAR from leading to a "heightening" of the Church's stance against lesbian and gay people, your poll confirms the consistent trend towards a greater liberalisation of attitudes. Over the last two decades we have witnessed a dramatic growth of membership, goodwill and public endorsement. The momentum is unstoppable.

If there was a realistic chance of reversing this trend our opponents in the General Synod would have called for a debate before we did. But they must know that such a debate would reveal a huge loss of support in comparison with their "high water mark" achieved when the issue was last discussed in 1987.

IT is wearisome to see Leviticus trotted out as justification for homophobia. The author(s) of Leviticus had it in for shellfish, too (don't eat snail), but few evangelical clergymen refuse a prawn cocktail on that account.

Blair vs the left

WHAT'S new, and why the fuss (Orwell offered writers' blacklist, July 11)? There is a reference to George Orwell's notebook of suspects on page 557 and a page 563 of Penguin edition of my book, Orwell: A Life (1982). That makes clear that at least one other hand was involved, probably, I thought, his friend Arthur Koestler — then the author of Call to Arms. Koestler and Orwell had both been anti-Communist since their experiences in Spain, and both were worried at Communist attempts to penetrate the Labour movement and at what they regarded as the excessive softness in fighting back of some socialist intellectuals.

The names on Orwell's list are of a different order. Some were Labour MPs who undoubtedly were undercover Communists or who, like one soon famous man, hedged their bets by holding two cards so his daughters told me. Some were simply "fellow travellers" who believed no ill about Stalinism (until 1956) and were potentially dangerous; others were just woolly-minded softies. But at that time it was wholly reasonable for a leading democratic Socialist to help in counter-propaganda and, indeed, "risk evaluation". It was a Labour government in Britain and it was still unclear whether the Communist parties in France and Italy might come to power. Not a nice or easy world.

So far from trying "to sun on up the spirit of 1965", when I was part of the beat generation that packed the Albert Hall last Sunday "started ominously with a middle-aged woman singing in Japanese". My Collins dictionary defines ominous as "foreboding evil"; if your reporter derives this impression from a poet being middle-aged, female, lyrical or Japanese, the Guardian ain't what it used to be.

Making the same difference

NOTING what we are now going to be offered in this endless run-up to the general election and what's in New Labour's Road To The Manifesto, I had a strange sense of déjà vu. Then I realised what it was.

In the 1960s, J B Priestley wrote a novel about two unrepentant PR men who, having been provided with generous funding by a rich widow, set about the business of image-making. Indeed, they got so far as to found a whole university department of Social Imagistics. They are

tremendously successful and the book ends with them producing virtually identical image-crafted leaders for the Conservative and Labour parties, complete with interchangeable, PR-friendly policies. He called his book The Image Men and it was heavily criticised at the time — not least by the Times Literary Supplement — for the sheer implausibility of its plot.

It couldn't happen, could it? Anne Green, 3 Antoine Terrace, Newlyn, Penzance CW11 7TR.

Evils of poetic injustice

FACHRA Gibbons (Poetic spirit of '65, July 8) claims that the poetry Superjam at the Albert Hall last Sunday "started ominously with a middle-aged woman singing in Japanese". My Collins dictionary defines ominous as "foreboding evil"; if your reporter derives this impression from a poet being middle-aged, female, lyrical or Japanese, the Guardian ain't what it used to be.

the fact that British (and world) poetry is indeed "in the middle of its strongest revival since the 1930s" (his words) would surely have been conveyed to your readers. He refers to just five of the 14 poets who read in just three of the gig's nine hour-long sets. Thirty-six other poets, 25 of them Brits (including John Agard, John Hegley and Grace Nichols), brought the strength of this revival home most clearly to the 2,000-plus auditors who came, stayed, and palpably enjoyed each performance.

Romania on inside track

YOUR correspondent's doubts about Romania's likelihood of joining the first wave of Nato membership (Nato to upgrade links with Russia, July 8) because of "internal disputes about intentions to join Nato" are clearly misleading and ill-informed.

According to the latest Eurobarometer polls, 85 per cent of Romanian subjects questioned were in favour of Romania's Nato membership.

Joining Nato has been a consistent policy objective of the Romanian government; all parliamentary political parties have made official and public statements in support of that choice.

1 Palace Green, London W8 4QD.

IS it still OK to like Mark Simpson's writing and Gay Times letters, July 10, 11? Tom Robinson, PO Box 3185, London SW18 3JG.

A Country Diary

NORTHUMBERLAND: Old Midsomer Eve last night and, after a day of pouring rain, the sun came out in early evening for the village of Bale, a traditional ceremony which attracts visitors from far beyond our parish boundaries. Despite the damp, the master of ceremonies managed to light the conflagration called the Bale, not the Bale fire. This is derived from "bael", an Anglo-Saxon word used for the beacons lit on castle, pele and hill top which roused the wretched country-folk to hide themselves and their cattle when raiders were sighted riding over the Border. Summer solstice bonfires celebrated the nativity of the baptist, and the smoke — billowing over the cornfields — was believed to ward off rust and mildew. A horn dance follows the Bale, with drinking and feasting in the village hall. When the fire was ablaze, the children joined hands to dance in a moving circle, led by our vil-

lage school mistress. Then the Newcastle Sword and Morris men entertained us. Morris dancing symbolises the ancient martial arts. "It is a colloquial pastime," Arthur told me later over a glass of removed his colourful, flower-strewn hat. "Tonight is a special reunion for some of the men." Indeed, the Dur-hyne, dressed strikingly in red tabards and sashes embellished with yellow rams' heads. They stopped the village of traffic through the plays with alternate dancing in front of the pub. local ladies, and spread out in the village hall, and had been consumed, revelers danced the night away. This morning, only a spiral of smoke from a heap of smouldering embers remained us of a great night out.

VERONICA HEATH

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Diary

Matthew Norman

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Read any good predictions lately?



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Smoking gun

Martin Walker on candidate Bob Dole's role as Marlboro's man

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10 OBITUARIES

Melvin Belli

Raising a storm in court

NO SOONER had the death of flamboyant American lawyer Melvin Belli been announced on Tuesday than accusations began to fly, an autopsy was ordered, and various attorneys prepared for a stormy court case. "How fitting," mused the PR man for Belli, who was 88. "It's just the way he would have wanted it."



Defence attorney to the famous... Belli, right, with Jack Ruby

Not all Belli's claims were famous. His early days of tort law were distinguished by the energy he put in on behalf of what he called "the little man" in his battle against giant and powerful corporations. In 1944 Belli established a precedent in a victory over Coca-Cola that he and other lawyers were to refer to time and again — the principle of absolute liability. This meant that manufacturers were automatically liable for injuries that their products caused. The victory set the terms for US consumer protection litigation.

He indulged the great wealth his practice brought him, acquiring a huge yacht nicknamed The Adequate Award, but he was also a man of compassion for the downtrodden. He recalled acting for a condemned man at San Quentin and watching as he walked to the scaffold, and his hands whitening as the trapdoor fell "like the picture of the Descent from the Cross." Later, sharing a bottle of Vat 69 with the priest, he recalled: "That was the time I could have become a communist."

Lord Fraser of Kilmorack

Boffin from Central Office

ONE OF the curious aspects of the 1974 election was a life peer of Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, who has died aged 80. It is that he appeared to have been honoured for giving bad advice. In October 1973 as Sir Michael Fraser, then both deputy chairman of the Conservative Party and its top paid officer, he warned that, instead of the spring 1975 election for which Prime Minister Edward Heath was planning, it was preferable to go as early as possible in 1974, before the miners' overtime ban bit even more deeply.

But Heath's indecision delayed the election until the second week in February, and the Conservatives narrowly lost because so many Tory voters deserted to the Liberals, enabling a surprised Harold Wilson to take office with a minority Labour government. Heath, unusually, did not blame Fraser for his own indecision, making him one of his last life peers. This honour was for his sterling work at the Conservative Research Department and Central Office. He went into the CRD — then headed by RA "Rab" Butler — in 24 Old Queen Street as one of "Butler's boffins" in 1946. He rose to joint director in 1951 and sole director by 1959 and, while remaining its chairman, became deputy chairman of the Conservative Party as well for the period 1964-75. He was the classic backroom boy, with no parliamentary ambitions, unlike his contemporaries Iain Macleod, Reginald Maudling and Enoch Powell.

Duke Albrecht of Bavaria

Durable dynasty that survived Dachau



Duke Albrecht... a claim to the thrones of Britain and Bavaria

DUKE Albrecht of Bavaria, grandson of the last Bavarian king and head of the Wittelsbach family, one of Europe's most durable dynasties, has died at the age of 91 after a life that brought persecution from both German communists and Nazis. He died at his residence, Schloss Berg, on the Starnberg Lake south of Munich after a morning spent listening to classical music and a weekend at his country cottage in the southern Austrian province of Styria.

The Wittelsbach dynasty is more than 800 years old and the longest unbroken in the world, uninterrupted for 738 years from 1180 to 1918, when Albrecht's grandfather, King Ludwig III, was dethroned by Bavarian communists who briefly seized power and established a "Soviet republic" in Munich. Ludwig III, however, never abdicated and the family, now headed by Albrecht's unmarried eldest son, Duke Franz of Bavaria, 63, has never renounced its claim to the throne. The Wittelsbachs also descend from the Royal House of Stuart and in addition to seeing Albrecht as the putative King of Bavaria, some Bavarian monarchists and English legitimists also view him as King of England, Scotland, Ireland, France, and Bavaria.

Jackdaw



men to wear hairnets aboard their fishing boats. Response: this is nonsense. Statement: under EC law all fishing boats have to carry a stock of no fewer than 300 condoms to ensure that fishermen have safe sex. Response: the nearest piece of EC legislation that even approximates this allegation is the Directive making it compulsory for ships to carry a certain number of medicines to cover the crews medical aid requirements. Statement: the EC has insisted that gin bottles must be round rather than square. Response: this is utterly untrue — this myth stems from an April fool joke. Statement: Brussels is set to produce a standard Euro condom, whilst refusing to implement the subsidiary principle so that Member states can take into account the different national characteristics of the male organ. The resultant compromise is simply not large enough to house British assets. Response: any standardisation work in the area of con-

doms concentrates on quality and not on length. Extracts from the European Community web site devoted to Eutromyths. It aims to debunk "the myriad and perhaps surprising world of Euro horror stories that crop up so frequently in the press, especially the British one". At http://eur-opa.eu.int/en/comm/dg10/en/eutromyths.html Thanks to Chris August.

Web worship MY SOLE purpose in creating this page filled with words of unbridled worship, honesty rivaled only by Madonna herself, and megalomaniac ravings is this: I WANT THE QUEEN TO SEE IT. That's right Madonna, if you do indeed surf the web and you're reading this, you have fulfilled the one and only wish of the author of this page. And if I may be so imposing as to ask for one final favor, even after you have unknowingly labored for my absolute enjoyment and made all my fantasies come true, I request that you email me. That way, when you listen to my words and I

know you've heard, I'll know it's real. If on the other hand, you are not Madonna (a likely but unfortunate possibility), I hope you, too, will become hopelessly drawn to The Goddess of the modern world. Although I know you are presently thinking that I am an insane lunatic, I implore you to give our selfish heroine one more chance. Do not be influenced by my foolish and hopelessly inadequate portrayal of this materialistic, selfish whore. Look at her closely. If you can see the real person behind the glossy, excessive makeup, you will find that she is truly the solution to many of our modern problems. If, after all of these self-discrediting, out-of-touch whiff, reality, and mostly nonsensical ravings, you are still bothering to read this, you are ready for more. I want you to read the rest of this page, but not before going out to your local record store and buying one of Madonna's albums. It doesn't matter which one, just so it's from Madonna. When you get back, I want you to set her record playing. Let it put you in a trance. Then

you are ready. If, on the other hand, you disobey these instructions and read more before getting a good taste of Madonna, it will make no sense to you, but enjoy the ride anyway. Who knows, maybe someday, when you look back you'll be able to say: I didn't mean to be cruel. Somebody hurt me too. The ultimate fun at www.pain.com: http://www.pain.com/above.html Thanks to Lindsay Marshall.

Hill crime HUNGRY hillwalkers are being harassed by sheep who invite themselves to picnics on Wales's most famous peaks. A dozen ewes are patrolling the twin summits of Corn Du and Pen y Fan in the Brecon Beacons, pouncing on unsuspecting walkers as they sit on the ground to enjoy a sandwich or chocolate bar. Dr. Alex Gibson, an archaeologist who has conducted digs at Corn Du and Pen y Fan, said: "It's easy to pickings for the sheep. Many people are going up the hill. More an illness for the govern-

ment as Country Life reports a rise in sheep crime. Over-sell "Hi, I'm a London based actor with a sideline in computer programming. If you listen to Radio 4, you might know me better as David Archer. I've also had odd periods of being famous on telly — By the Sword Divided, Square Deal, Made in Heaven and Strike Force. Next year you can see me in Chris Barrie's new series (Brittas Empire has finished) — it's called Prince Among Men — he's a Scot and ex-footballer, I'm his lawyer. To find out more about me, you can read my curriculum vitae or potted biography". How to sell yourself on the web, at http://ds.dial.pipex.com/tim.benlinc/ Wonderwhat? TO THE Wonderwallers. We don't need you. We never did. Leave us alone. Piss off back to Damon and he can tell you to piss off back to Gary and Mark. We, my friends, we are the "Headshrinkers", the "Shakemakers", the "Rock 'n' roll" stars. You could never understand what it is to be us, to feel the music awakening within you for so long at the bottom of our tortured souls, to live the lyrics, to want it to need it until your heart beats in time and nothing else matters. When you know it's the only thing you ever had. We became them — we had to. They understood what it was to stand alone in a crowded room and know you

were so much more. We know as long as Liam's wiles — the bastard child of the purest angel and the undying devil told us if we wanted it had enough we really could live forever. But nothing is forever, you taught us that. You took what was ours and ours alone and smoothed what was meant to be rough until it was no longer ours and it was yours. You took Wonderwall, a song which was meant to mean everything, and you gave it to your grannies and you overplayed the song which could always be played again. And now Oasis are no longer mine, Liam has lost his immortality and Noel is no longer one of us. We can never go back, destined to drift through our lives remembering what it felt like to know that we were alive. A sad person in NME. Jackdaw wants jewels. E-mail jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER.

Emily Sheffield

Advertisement for Sony Model CM-H, featuring a list of features like '99 speed dials', 'name/number memory', and '80 mins talk time'. It also includes a 'FREE' offer and contact information for ordering.



# Orange fires new broadside in mobile phone war

Ian King

A ROW broke out in the mobile phone industry last night after Orange launched a fresh broadside against its rivals, claiming most users are overpaying, and attacking what it called the industry's "cozy" image.

Orange, which this week won a High Court case against its rival Vodafone, said it would be running a £1 million advertising campaign over the next three months to highlight the simplicity of its charging system.

But rivals immediately lined up to attack the campaign, with Vodafone accusing Orange of "milking the situation", while Cellnet said people would not be persuaded by Orange's claims.

In its new campaign, Orange highlights its court victory over Vodafone, which had accused it of malicious falsehood and infringement of trademark.

Orange also says that, although Vodafone and Cellnet have shifted their charges nearer its own, "millions" of analogue users are still on higher tariffs, while many find the charging systems confusing.

Launching the campaign, Orange managing director

Hans Snook said there were a number of practices in the industry that had to stop, in particular the multiplicity of charging systems.

He also accused Vodafone and Cellnet, many of whose customers use analogue and not digital phones, of treating analogue customers like "second class citizens".

Mr Snook added: "If the reactions of competitors are to try to muzzle you and go to court when you point out that their tariffs are higher, something is wrong. We definitely believe users are paying too much, and we want sanity in our industry."

Last month, John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, warned Britain's nine mobile-phone airtime suppliers to remove "unfair" terms from contracts they give consumers or risk the threat of legal action.

Mr Bridgeman said the suppliers were tying customers into contracts for at least a year, denying them a "cooling off" period once the contract was signed, charging fees for disconnection and burying contract terms in "small print".

Ofel, the telecoms regulator, receives about 4,000 complaints a year from mobile phone users.

Vodafone brought the action when Orange said in a campaign last autumn that

"on average, Orange users save £20 a month" compared with Vodafone or Cellnet's equivalent tariffs.

Giving judgment, Mr Justice Jacob described Vodafone's case on malice as "hopeless" and said there was "little doubt" that ordinary people would understand what Orange's campaign meant.

Mr Snook said he was angry that during the case Vodafone's QC had accused three Orange witnesses of perjury, a suggestion Mr Justice Jacob rejected.

Mr Snook went on: "I think that was terrible — at that point, they didn't have a case, and I think Vodafone's solicitors should apologise."

Despite Mr Snook's claims that the new Orange advertisement was not a "knocking campaign", Vodafone and Cellnet were quick to condemn the move.

A Vodafone spokeswoman said: "They are milking the situation for everything they can get out of it. It is a desperate move from a company whose base is going backwards and whose share price has recently collapsed."

David Massey of Cellnet added: "We thought very carefully over whether we should take action but decided it was better to battle it out in the market place rather than in the courts."



YORKSHIRE Water is laying new pipelines in its campaign to save water. The company, which last summer erected standpipes and threatened to evacuate

areas, announced yesterday that it had managed to stop 3 per cent of leaks from its 17,000 miles of mains, writes David Hogg. The loss has dropped

from 29.6 per cent in 1994-95 to 26.4 per cent in 1995-96. The company has promised to reduce the figure to 24 per cent over the next two years.

That work, plus the new pipelines and pumping stations, and a hosepipe ban, should ensure that taps will not run dry. Only 76 per cent of normal rain-

fall has fallen since June last year and Halifax and Huddersfield have not hit their monthly rainfall averages for 15 months. PHOTOGRAPH: JAMIE WISEMAN

# Confident shoppers enjoy summer spending spree

Larry Elliott and Roger Cowe report on the continuing high street boom

BRITAIN'S high streets are enjoying their best trading conditions for more than six years as a new mood of confidence among consumers prompts a rush to the shops, the Confederation of British Industry reports today.

With the housing market recovery boosting sales of household goods and the belated onset of summer weather providing a fillip to clothing and footwear outlets, the CBI records the strongest month for retailers since January 1990.

The employers' organisation says it was the ninth successive month in which retail activity had risen, adding that business was set to remain well above average in July.

The data provides timely support for the upbeat consumer spending predictions made by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, in his summer forecast on Tuesday. The figures also follow yesterday's news that the pick-up in the high street is

being combined with falling prices.

Annual inflation fell from 2.2 per cent in May to 2.1 per cent in June, according to the Retail Prices Index released by the Office for National Statistics.

Underlying inflation — which strips out mortgage interest payments and is the Government's preferred measure — remained at 2.8 per cent, slightly above the top end of the Government's 1-2.5 per cent target range.

Although 73 per cent of clothing stores and 87 per cent of footwear and leather outlets surveyed by the CBI said sales were up on a year ago, the RPI showed that clothes and shoes are still cheaper than a year ago.

Leading store groups yesterday published further evidence of surging consumer confidence, which is being underpinned by cheaper borrowing costs and lower taxes.

The Government's Tax and Prices Index — which shows the level of pay in-

creases needed to maintain living standards — is running at only 0.6 per cent, while average earnings are going up by 3.75 per cent.

Markis & Spencer chairman Sir Richard Greenbury told shareholders at the company's annual meeting that UK sales in the past three months had been almost 9 per cent ahead of last year.

"Retailing in all areas remains highly competitive, but there are now signs that the consumer is coming out of the trenches," he said.

The chain's high street rival, Storehouse, reported a similar picture.

Sales at BHS were 7 per cent ahead of last year, although business had been less buoyant at Mothercare, where sales were 4 per cent ahead.

Mail order spending remains depressed, according to Great Universal Stores, the owner of Kays, Marshall Ward and other leading catalogues.

Reporting its 48th consecutive year of pre-tax profit growth, to £581.1 million, GUS said sales for the first two months of the current year were lower than last year.

# Somerfield offers poor spread for profitability

OUTLOOK/Chains of history hamper supermarket group, says Roger Cowe

SOMERFIELD, formerly the Gateway supermarket chain, faces an uphill struggle to entice investors despite launching a prospectus yesterday for its flotation on the stock market which values the shares at a knock-down price of between 10p and 15p.

The flotation will free the company from Isosceles, the vehicle which took Gateway private in 1989 in a doomed £2.5 billion buy-out.

The over-optimism of that deal is illustrated by the £2 billion value now placed on Somerfield. Isosceles's owners, mainly venture capitalists and banks, did recoup about £700 million from asset sales, but have had to write off almost £1 billion.

Isosceles will put all that behind Somerfield, but the past remains its problem.

Gateway was put together in a stream of takeovers through the 1980s which brought together names such as Key Markets, Lemmons, International and Fine Fare as well as Carrefour hypermarkets. The result was a chain which was large in store numbers, wide in geographic spread and style of store, and thus handicapped in the fight for the share and had its stores of Tesco and Sainsbury as well as the different focus of Kwik Save and the continental discounters.

Under the management of chief executive David Simons, Somerfield and Fine Fare to make the best of that bad job. To some extent it has succeeded, as illustrated by growing profits and performance indicators such as sales per square foot. It has also developed the Somerfield brand and begun the process of converting the entire chain to a formula based on fresh-food supermarketing.

But the business is still too divided in the nature and location of stores.

Mr Simons argues that this is an in-town chain which can give supermarket service without customers needing to drive for miles. That is an attractive proposition but it hardly squares with the facts:

half of the selling space is either edge-of or out-of-town, while a quarter is in shops smaller than 7,500 sq ft, about a quarter the size of a standard superstore and thus offering a restricted range.

Add to that the geographic spread of the shops, which hampers efficient distribution and advertising, and you have the kind of business which nobody would choose to build.

Mr Simons would argue that is reflected in the share price, which is only just over eight times last year's earnings. The average for the food retail sector is about 15, and the likes of Kwik Save or Iceland shares trade at about 10 times last year's earnings.

Analysts said yesterday that the low price would ensure there were enough buyers for the shares and had little doubt that Mr Simons would keep profits growing for a couple of years, by completing his strategy. But they cannot see where growth to underpin the necessarily generous dividend will come from after that.

The first hurdle is a rising

tax charge, which will eat into profits. More fundamentally, Somerfield's heartland is under attack from the leading superstore operators. Planning restrictions have forced Tesco and Sainsbury into the smaller towns where Somerfield has often had a clear run.

Mr Simons has proved the doubters wrong once, by bringing what seemed a crippled business to the stock market. He has plenty of incentive for doing so again, despite receiving more than £5 million (before tax) for achieving flotation. He will invest more than £2 million of that sum in Somerfield shares which he will hold for at least two years, as well as share options worth up to nine times his £315,000 salary, paying out only after at least three years, subject to share price and earnings performance.

His efforts so far have made him a rich man and proved that there is life after corporate death. But the odds are against his making himself substantially richer and proving that the quality of the afterlife can be good.

# News in brief

## Ibstock confirms DTI sell-off

IBSTOCK, which is buying the bricks business of Redland, said it had offered to sell certain of its assets, and Redland's, to meet Department of Trade and Industry competition concerns. The DTI had said it would refer the bid to the Monopolies Commission unless Ibstock gave certain undertakings. As a result of the deal, which was announced in April, Ibstock would become Britain's largest brickmaker, with 34 per cent of the market.

Ibstock said it would sell six factories with a combined capacity of 157 million bricks per annum, about one-eighth of the capacity of the combined business. The DTI said Ibstock should divest of six plants and ensure those factories were sold as going concerns. — Reuter

## First Choice falters

SHARES of First Choice, the holiday and travel group, crashed 9p to 69p yesterday, after it posted a worse-than-expected first half pre-tax loss of £23.4 million, against £23.8 million for the same period last year.

Announcing the results, Francis Baron, First Choice's chief executive, warned that trading in May and June had been "below expectations", and said the group remained "cautious" about the final outcome for this year's summer holidays. However, he said sales had increased by 23 per cent to £386.2 million during the period. — Ian King

## Rockefeller switches tack

AFTER the Japanese, it is now the turn of European billionaire dynasties to get their hands on New York's art deco complex, the Rockefeller Centre. The new owners will include Goldman Sachs, Tischman Speyer Properties, the Agnelli family (owners of Fiat) and the Mirachos family, the Greek shipping tycoon, as well as David Rockefeller. They paid \$1.2 billion (£774 million) for the investment trust that held the mortgage on one of the city's most distinctive buildings.

The Rockefeller building previously belonged to Rockefeller Group, which was controlled by the Mitsubishi conglomerate of Japan. — Mark Tran in New York

## Kvaerner ships in team

KVAERNER, Europe's largest shipbuilder, is moving key management to London later this year, as part of a reorganisation following its acquisition of Trafalgar House in April for £294 million.

Kvaerner said the combined companies were being organised into six core businesses: shipbuilding, processing, construction, oil and gas, metals and wood pulping. The leadership of each core area will be based at Kvaerner's new offices in London. — AP

## Village people victory

YEARS of legal and political wrangling over a retail development ended yesterday with confirmation that the £30 million project in Derbyshire can go ahead. The "designer outlet village", which neighbouring councils have unsuccessfully opposed in the High Court, will be built on a 25-acre site near South Normanton. Five buildings will provide 175,000 sq ft of "speciality retail development". The site will also include food and entertainment facilities. — Martin Halsall

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# WTO panel fortifies whisky case against Japan

Jolie Wolf in Brussels

THE whisky industry yesterday secured a breakthrough in a long-running campaign when the European Commission demanded that Japan change its taxation of Scotch and other European spirits after a World Trade Organisation panel ruled that Tokyo's taxes discriminate against imports.

The dispute panel's report said Japan broke WTO rules by imposing higher taxes on foreign spirits than on the Japanese rice-based spirit, shochu. According to the commission, tax rates for whisky can be six times those for shochu.

"The findings are very good news for the European drinks industry and should help remove serious hurdles currently hindering their exports to Japan," said Sir Leon Brittan, the EU's trade commissioner.

A commission spokesman called on Japan to bring its tax system into line as soon as possible, "at the latest in the next financial year".

A Japanese spokesman in Geneva, where the WTO is based, refused to comment on the panel's report.

The Scotch Whisky Association welcomed the report and also urged Japan to act soon. Japan is the second-biggest market for Scotch outside the EU, accounting for 5 per cent of exports — 50 million

bottles — last year. Given the Japanese liking for spirits, "the potential is colossal", a spokesman for the association said.

The EU's battle with Japan over spirits dates from the 1980s, when the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade ruled that Japanese taxes were discriminatory. Changes Japan made to its tax system did not go far enough for the EU, which was joined in its WTO complaint by the US and Canada.

The commission argues that the taxes mean only 8 per cent of the spirits consumed in Japan are imported, compared with 25 per cent in the UK and 73 per cent in Australia.

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Stock Exchange investigation into British Energy's conduct • City will try to drive down share price

## Inquiry into nuclear offer

Simon Beavis, Lisa Buckingham and Paul Brown

THE Stock Exchange yesterday launched an inquiry into the surprise, last minute announcement that British Energy was shutting down two reactors just before its controversial public flotation.

Legal advice suggested, however, that the flotation prospectus had given sufficient warning of the cracks in sensitive welds which led to the shut-down of Hunterston B in Ayrshire and Hinkley Point B in Somerset — two of the eight reactors being privatised. They therefore pressed on with next Monday's sale without disclosing the problems.

Meanwhile, Labour is demanding a full ministerial statement and will stage a Commons debate on the sell-off next Tuesday — the third

debate instigated by Labour in the past two months. Shadow industry secretary, Margaret Beckett, said she suspected "organised deceit on a substantial scale" and said that investors, big and small, must be feeling "commercially deceived".

The Government is looking for shares to be priced at 180p to 200p but had hoped to persuade institutions to bid at around 200p. But fund managers said last night that few would be prepared to pay more than 200p, pricing the company at just over £1.4 billion.

These incidents follow earlier crackings in similar pipework at Dungeness B and Blytham, both of which were mentioned in the prospectus and have been repaired.

### Notebook

## Out of the shade and into the sun



Edited by Alex Brummer

THE Chancellor's upbeat summer forecast, projecting strong rises in consumer spending this year and next, already is starting to look prophetic.

among the inventors of modern takeover.

### Rothschild focus

THE tragic death of Amstel Rothschild already is focusing City attention on one of the London financial community's most distinguished houses. While the British house of NM Rothschild had a good 1990s — as a result of its inside track on privatisation and because of the trading success of its offshoot Smith New Court — rekindling that magic in the latter half of this decade is proving more difficult.

The absorption of such UK houses as SG Warburg and Kleinwort Benson, into larger European counterparts, has been part of the globalisation trend which has left merchant banks such as Rothschild behind, potential prey to commercial banks like NatWest and ABN Amro.

Just how much ground there is to be made up is evident from the first half results of one of those global players, JP Morgan, the heirs of the legendary JP Morgan. Its second-quarter results — the first from the big US investment houses — showed a splendid 40 per cent profits jump to \$440 million as a result of large increases in trading revenues (which almost doubled) and surge in merger and acquisition activity, where income was up by 79 per cent.

### Mobile code

IT IS easy to write off Orange's new advertising campaign as an act of desperation, particularly at a time when it has failed to woo as many of Celine and Vodafone's analogue customers as it had hoped, and when it claims to be trying to clean up the industry.

## Lloyd's and US states agree deal

Pauline Springett

LOYD'S of London last night appeared to have averted a revolt by US state regulators over its proposed £3.1 billion rescue package.

But the deal sparked protest from UK Names who claimed they were being unfairly treated by comparison. Chief executive Ron Sandler said a framework deal had been struck between Lloyd's and the North American Securities Administrators Association proposing that the 2,700 US Names would receive up to \$40 million extra in the settlement offer.

vent Names from participating in the rescue deal.

Mr Sandler, who stressed that Lloyd's was not admitting any liability or wrongdoing, said the US agreement was in the best interests of Lloyd's as a whole.

But Tony Welford, chairman of the 3,000-strong Paying Names' Action Group said: "We would want to know, if they can do this for one group of Names, why can't they do it for us as well?"

Lloyd's is expected to announce today a £1.2 billion profit for 1995. It announces its results three years in arrears. This will be Lloyd's first profit since 1987.



Lloyd's headquarters may face new protests over American deal PHOTOGRAPH DAVID SILVOTTE

## Industry seeks PFI shake-up

Sarah Ryle

INDUSTRIAL leaders warned Chancellor Kenneth Clarke yesterday that the Private Finance Initiative risks falling unless he acts immediately.

The Confederation of British Industry said the PFI would miss the Chancellor's £14 billion target and issued a list of key demands to revive the Government's plan to shift public spending — and the operating risk — on projects such as new roads and prisons to the private sector.

"misused as an excuse for the Government to cut back on public spending".

He said business supported the PFI, but added: "The PFI is a tool, not a panacea. It does not magically produce money which was not there before."

Unless the PFI is better managed, it could fail to deliver the benefits available and fall short of the targets set, delaying key infrastructure projects.

Since the PFI was launched in 1992, public sector capital spending has fallen and would be 12 per cent lower in real terms by 1998, according to the CBI's report.

## Tumbling Dow heralds big sell-off spectre

Mark Tran in New York and Ian King

STOCK markets on both sides of the Atlantic shuddered yesterday when the Dow Jones Industrial Index plunged over 100 points, dragging European markets with it, following a profits warning from computer company

Hewlett Packard. The sell-off on Wall Street, where the Dow was down 132 points at one stage, triggered a similar reaction in the City, where the FTSE-100 index of leading shares finished 16.8 points lower, at 3749.0.

Some analysts and traders immediately warned that the fall could be the start of a long awaited correction for the

Dow, which has enjoyed an uninterrupted climb over the last 18 months, increasing the value of the US market by \$2,400 billion (£1,530 billion). Wall Street has been worried about the tide of money from mutual funds slowing to a trickle, although dealers had been reassured by share price increases having been backed by earnings.

## Scottish TV sinks Herald flotation

SCOTTISH Television — the ITV company 20 per cent owned by the Mirror Group, whose stable includes the best-selling Scottish Daily Record — yesterday scuppered the flotation hopes of Caledonian Publishing with a takeover bid worth £120 million.

Caledonian, which owns the Glasgow Herald and Evening Times, has just completed its beauty parade to City investors, seeking support for a stock market flotation likely to put a price tag on the group of about £100 million.

At the last moment, however, the company — which has managed to stand on the sidelines of the vicious cover price war between major Scottish newspaper titles — has been forced to issue a statement saying it had received approaches which could lead to offers valuing the group at some £20 million more.

The disclosure came on the day the fifth biggest publishing group in Scotland was scheduled to agree the price for the flotation of its shares.

It is understood the management of Caledonian, which has a 6 per cent shareholding following a buy-out from the Loruh group about three years back, would prefer independence.

But Robert Fleming, the venture capital operator, has a 57 per cent stake in Caledonian and is thought to be keen to extract the highest possible price for the business.

## Guardian Crossword No 20,703

Set by Shed

Crossword grid with clues: 1 Vegetable not dated in the Pig and Parrot — Britain's attributes? (4,3,5) 2 Dessert for King giving heart to returning supporter? (7) 3 Collected the same sad assortment? (7) 4 Dirty beginning to salesman's spiel? (7) 5 Ladies' lady bales out? In? (7) 6 Test for calumny? (5) 7 Double-check and force in drunken sailor? (9) 8 Covering trick that's taken in a city? (9) 9 Firing minister who's lost his head? (5) 10 Base characters in Globe? (7) 11 Salesman carrying vase in attendance? (4-3) 12 Hot line to old artefact? (7) 13 Rapid movement of whole self bearing right? (7) 14 Unnatural penchant for image of large vehicle? (12)

Crossword solution grid with words filled in: BROQUE CURPIN, PLAIN, CARRIAGE, ANTIQUARIAN, ANOXA, ROLICALL, CATRIPEDEN, DICE, SKIN, SPALLETTE, P, P, I, B, TUMBLING, BODDO, E, E, S, H, WRITING, P, H, S, G, R, N, T, SCHOOL, ASTHMA

- 17 Animal secreting gold box-opener? (7)
- 18 Restored, deny embracing the Italian? (7)
- 19 Fibre gets young ladies' heads approximately turned outside? (7)
- 20 The tittle of tipsy legions (4,3)
- 21 Moral code and so forth involving greeting? (5)

### Solution tomorrow

1 Having a laugh about electricity heading carrying charge? (7)

## When corporate bonding comes unstuck

LARRY ELLIOTT looks at dangerous trade of management training

MANAGEMENT training is all-pervasive, costs British industry £2 billion a year — and is an almost complete waste of time and money, according to a report out today.

agers showing initiative and creativity.

The report's author, former personnel manager Stephen Williams, says that only a fraction of management training — the bit that deals with actual skills — has any merit.

management training courses rely on the idea that there is a single corporate model that can be applied to any organisation, be it the law, medicine, the police, the universities, even the church.

In one case hospital chaplains who comfort the dying were required to draw up "business plans" to justify their cost-effectiveness.

communications, media influence, and the natural attempt of each generation of thrusting young Turks to displace their old fogey chairmen and directors with a new dynamic.

Mark Hastings, policy adviser to the Institute of Management, agreed that many firms had adopted an unthinking approach to training.

They herd their people off on a course and think they can do the job. There is often no attempt to measure the results of training, and good training can always be measured, he said.

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